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## IRA warning tells civilians to 'stay clear'

### Two murdered in fresh outburst of terrorism

By Stewart Tessler, Andrew Moger and Edward Gorman

The IRA yesterday warned that a wave of attacks against military targets or places used by personnel on the British mainland and Europe could follow the blast at the Inglis Barracks in Mill Hill, north London.

A statement sent out from Dublin urged civilians to stay away from military personnel suggesting that bombers or gunmen might range widely in search of their targets.

The warning came as two members of the security forces in Northern Ireland were murdered in separate incidents within 30 minutes and only seven miles apart yesterday.

liar landmine attack on a Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) patrol in which six men received minor injuries.

The two men who died yesterday were an off-duty detective constable killed when a bomb exploded under his car at Lisburn, Co Antrim, and an off-duty UDR soldier shot in front of his family at a shopping centre close to the MI in West Belfast.

In the west of Ulster earlier in the day members of a UDR

visional *nomme de guerre* for statements.

The Provisionals announced: "We are issuing this warning because the close presence of civilians causes us to abandon operations. No one should travel close to, or with, clearly identified or identifiable members of the British forces."

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said: "That people who can command no credible position by argument try to dictate to everybody else by threat and murder is totally unacceptable in this country and in every free society."

"The idea that the rule of law can be replaced by the rule of terror is vile and offensive and will be rejected with contempt by all decent people."

There were claims in Belfast last night that the warning was aimed at civilians using public houses or discotheques. Faced with a series of setbacks like the Enniskillen bombing the IRA was attempting to issue a general warning before future attacks.

The warning was issued from Dublin as Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch worked towards the seat of the explosion where they hope to find confirmation of a device.

If the explosion was the work of a bomber Yard explosives experts will sift through the wreckage for months to come in search of the fragments which will be matched with a huge reservoir of information on past explosions and bomb-makers. Debris is carefully gathered from sectioned areas and stored for transportation to Woolwich Arsenal.

Yard exhibits officers are so skilled in gathering bomb debris that several were sent to Holland earlier this year to help police after an IRA attack on a barracks there.

Eventually they may be able to find individual pieces of the bomb which can be linked to a series of other devices.

Parts of the bomb could also yield fingerprints or the idiosyncrasies of the individual bomb-maker which will be

## England 27 (players) for 4 (captains) in 5 Tests



Out goes Christopher Cowdrey, bowled yesterday by Neil Mallender of Somerset for a duck before he withdrew as captain of England for the last Test against the West Indies. He was replaced by Graham Gooch, the fourth skipper England have called on in 5 Tests, as well as 27 players. Report, page 38.

## Prison row spreads as peace talks collapse

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A breakdown of peace talks at Holloway women's prison in London increased fears that industrial action will spread to other London jails.

Mr John Bartell, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association, said that the London prisons would from today start refusing to take any new prisoners. Unanimous support for the move was expressed at prison meetings yesterday.

"If there is no resolution of the dispute, instructions to refuse to take new prisoners will be sent out nationally," Mr Bartell said.

At Holloway, 200 POA members say they have withdrawn to a "safe area" outside the gates. Staff shortages have made the jail, with its large psychiatric wing, dangerous, say, Deputy and assistant governors have been brought in from other jails and are running the prison with about 25 non-POA members and staff ignoring the union's call.

The POA claims staffing has been cut back to the extent that it is no longer safe to unlock cells. The Home Office says that staffing levels are long established and have worked well. "We regard the POA's action as unreasonable and irresponsible."

The action by the prison staff reflects unease about the

shortages of staff needed to operate a new system of working, known as "Fresh Start".

And Mr George Elliott, the POA vice-chairman, said yesterday that Manchester Prison, one of the first to put Fresh Start into operation, was holding a ballot on whether to take industrial action to reduce the popula-

tion to the jail's official capacity.

Many perception is from contact with staff that there will be a 'yes' vote," he said. The reason would be overcrowding and shortage of staff.

Prisoners barred from jails would have to be held in police cells. According to the latest Home Office figures, Wormwood Scrubs has 217 more prisoners than it is officially supposed to hold, Wandsworth 186, Brixton 396, and Pentonville 198.

According to the latest figures, there are already 791 prisoners being held in police cells, 254 more than last year's average.

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders says that in cells beneath London courts two prisoners are held in a space little more than half the size of

## EETPU ousts rail unions in secret membership vote

By Tim Jones

The electricians' union was jubilant yesterday after winning a ballot to represent employees on the London Docklands Light Railway, a result that virtually ensures its expulsion from the TUC.

The victory for the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union (EETPU), which is suspended from the TUC over the issue of single-union no-strike agreements, was branded as blatant poaching by rival unions.

The National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) made it clear last night that it would not accept the decision in spite of it being made after a legal postal ballot conducted by the Electoral Reform Society.

Mr Andy Dodds, assistant general secretary of the NUR, said: "We already have a membership of 40 per cent on the light railway and we will never relinquish our right to represent them, to a union which is outside the TUC."

He said his union would take "whatever action necessary" to ensure it continued to represent its members. Asked whether that could include industrial action, he said there were "many ways of forcing the issue".

Docklands Light Railway is a subsidiary of London Regional Transport where the NUR has a major presence.

The electricians' union, which has pioneered no-strike deals, made no secret of its delight at the victory, which was gained in the face of a concerted effort from the three traditional rail unions.

The electricians now accept as inevitable their expulsion from the TUC at its annual conference in September. The union is preparing itself for a membership "war" against TUC affiliates determined to destroy it.

The transport workers' union, the biggest in the country, has already prepared plans to recruit EETPU members once the expulsion is ratified by congress.

Of yesterday's decision, Mr Roy Sanderson, national secretary of the electricians' white collar section, said: "This was the acid test where the TUC rail unions formed a consortium and clearly thought they would win easily. Instead, the employees in this new venture have shown that they prefer to be represented by an independent, progressive and modern union free

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### Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator

There was one winner of the £4,000 daily prize yesterday (see page 3) so the Portfolio Accumulator stands at £138,000. Prices: page 23

IN PART 2

### ITV wins football contract

ITV have won the contract to televise live Football League matches following the withdrawal by British Satellite Broadcasting and the BBC of their bids.

The decisions were conveyed by letter to Graham Kelly, the Secretary of the Football League, yesterday afternoon and the news will be broken to the 92 clubs when they gather at Villa Park today. The letter describes the behaviour of certain First Division clubs as "extremely questionable". Page 40

### Clowes hope

At least £45 million owed to investors in the collapsed Gibraltar company Barlow Clowes International is likely to be recovered soon. Page 19

### Bank's move

Official reserves at the end of July confirmed that the Bank of England has been intervening heavily to stop the pound rising too fast. Page 19

### Track curfew

Spectators attending the national track cycling championships in Leicester have been asked to keep quiet during night races to prevent complaints from local residents. Page 40

### Degree results

Degrees awarded by the universities of Ulster and Brunel will be published tomorrow. Edinburgh results appear today. Page 36

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### Pretoria springs Geneva surprise

## Swift Namibia peace offered

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa announced last night that it was prepared to grant independence to Namibia by the middle of next year in terms of UN Security Council Resolution 435 provided that all Cuban troops had left neighbouring Angola by the same time.

At a press conference in Pretoria, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, disclosed that his Government had made this proposal during talks with the Angolans and Cubans in Geneva yesterday.

Foreign Ministry officials said that Mr Botha had announced the offer to counter "incorrect leaks" in Geneva about the South African Government's position.

Mr Botha said South Africa had proposed that Resolution 435 should go into effect from November 1 and that elections to choose a government for the territory should be held on June 1, 1989. By that date,

he expected "a total withdrawal of Cuban troops".

In the meantime, South Africa had also proposed that there should be an "effective ceasefire and cessation of hostilities with effect from August 1 of this year".

It had also called for the immediate "commencement of the process of withdrawal and redeployment of South African and Cuban troops from Angola", and for the placing of restrictions on the Angola-based South West Africa People's Organisation "to prevent further incidents jeopardising the cessation of hostilities".

Mr Botha's bold disclosures are by far the most convincing evidence to date that Pretoria is serious about wanting a settlement in Namibia, a former German colony which has been under South African control since the First World War.

His aim, in going public at this stage with the South

African proposals, appears to be to forestall accusations that South Africa is dragging its feet.

The timetable proposed for the withdrawal of the estimated 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola is far faster than anything the Angolans or the Cubans have suggested so far.

● LONDON: South Africa's apparent willingness to leave Namibia was interpreted in Whitehall as a move to seize the initiative in the Geneva talks (Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes).

The scepticism stemmed from conditions which Mr Botha attached when announcing his offer. He said the timetable depended on the African National Congress dismantling its seven guerrilla camps in Angola and on the complete withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola by June 1, 1989. Missing man, page 6

## Bishops call for hostages' release

By Clifford Longley and Alan Wood

The world-wide gathering of 525 Anglican bishops attending the Lambeth Conference at Canterbury yesterday unanimously called for the release of Mr Terry Waite, special envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all other hostages in the Lebanon.

The emergency resolution on Iran, Iraq and the Lebanon was brought before the conference at the request of Dr Robert Runcie, who pointed out that Mr Waite was kidnapped 561 days ago - and it was day by day that families of hostages counted their misery.

It is understood the resolution is strongly connected with reports rebroadcast back from the Middle East by the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Rev David Penman, who visited Iran just before the conference, and by the Right Rev John Brown, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Anglican leaders are hoping that the resolution will im-

press upon the Iranian government the church's humanitarian interest in the ending of the Gulf war and the release of hostages.

The mover of the resolution, the Right Rev Robert Whitcher, Bishop of Long Island, United States, outlined to the conference the efforts made recently in various countries to obtain the release of hostages.

Those efforts, he said, reflected cautious optimism. Government and Anglican leaders had had public and private talks with high ranking Iranian representatives.

He explained that the resolution had been carefully balanced to encourage peace and expedite the release of hostages. It called on Iran to honour its commitments to accept Security Council resolution 598.

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## Mrs Thatcher lets her Tabby cat out of the bag

From Robin Oakley, Alice Springs

Mrs Thatcher contributed to the graffiti on a school wall yesterday, encouraged youthful rowdiness and re-wrote a little history. But it was all in a good cause.

En route from Perth to Canberra, the Prime Minister flew to the outback at Alice Springs. There she presented video tapes to the School of the Air, which gives radio lessons for 130 children on cattle stations and remote settlements across 600,000 square miles of central Australia, and gave a diagnostic scanner to the Flying Doctor Service to assist its work.

In subjecting herself to 20 minutes of questioning over the air by children, Mrs Thatcher managed to let the cat out of the bag. She revealed to Kyrie Bridges from King's Canyon, who asked what pet

she had, that she has adopted a two-year-old stray cat which appeared, clearly maltreated, at Chequers.

But from then on confusion reigned in the Downing Street entourage as Fleet Street sought details of the animal which has replaced the deceased Wilberforce, the former Downing Street cat, in the Prime Minister's affections.

Mrs Thatcher told the bush children that the cat was called Tabby. The entourage suggested, with even less originality, that it was named Kitty. The answer, it seems, is that the animal, which lives on scraps, likes cheese and onion crisps and curls up on the sofa in Mrs Thatcher's "snug" at Chequers, answers to both.

The Prime Minister referred to the cat as "she". But Mr Denis Thatcher insisted: "It's a boy." The official version

is that the animal is "female, subject to confirmation", but the entire resources of the government information service could not determine whether it has been neutered.

Since the cat is exceedingly shy, some unfortunate minion at Chequers may even now be crawling through the undergrowth attempting to lure Kitty/Tabby inside and settle this burning question.

Mrs Thatcher scored eight out of 10 for directness in replying to questions such as: "If you're the boss of England, what does your husband do?" (Work in industry, play golf and watch rugby); and: "Do you go to the Queen's place for dinner?" (Mostly for grand occasions).

She carefully gave no hostages to the nationalist vote when asked if she had a



Mrs Thatcher tries out a Flying Doctor aircraft.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Boeing attacked at crash inquiry

Boeing Helicopters was accused of trying to spread the blame for the world's worst civil helicopter disaster, as a review board hearing yesterday into the accident. Forty five people died after a Chinook helicopter, made by Boeing, plunged into the sea off Scotland in 1986.

Although the findings of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch of the Department of Transport have not been published, a preliminary report indicated that fatigue failure of a gear in the Chinook's forward rotor gearbox caused the catastrophe.

The board, which met in Edinburgh yesterday, will review the findings of the department; it was requested by Boeing, makers of the Chinook, to challenge some of the findings of the report regarding the gear failure.

Mr Alastair Cameron, QC, for British International Helicopters, who operated the Chinook, said: "One has had the feeling all the way along that this is little more than a fishing expedition by them to see what they can find to try to alleviate the effects of the findings, as they see them, of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch. No doubt what they are seeking from the Review Board is a decision that will be adverse to British International Helicopters."

The hearing continues today.

## Attack ends patrols

Leicestershire police yesterday withdrew all its unmarked cars from the M1 in the county after an incident last week in which a woman driver was forced to stop by three men posing as police officers. Senior officers said the move was designed to re-assure local women motorists who feared that they too could be trapped by bogus policemen. The cars will not be reintroduced until a standard means of identifying the genuine cars has been drawn up and made public.

## Police 'bugged' talks

Two men accused of extortion admitted in a conversation taped by police that they were members of the Triads, China's worldwide secret society, a court was told yesterday. Fiu Sum Cheung, aged 36, and San Yin Cheung, aged 30, both of Portsmouth, Hampshire, were arrested as their alleged victim, Mr Fu Wing Chan, handed £8,600 to them at the Southsea Wimpy Bar in Portsmouth, Winchester Crown Court was told. Mr Chan was a bugging device at the meeting, when the Cheungs admitted membership of the group. They have denied extortion. The case continues.

## Smugglers jailed

Two Germans were yesterday sentenced to a total of more than five years in prison by a court in Maidstone, Kent, for attempting to smuggle 15 Asians into Britain in the back of a van. Customs officials in Dover uncovered the Asians behind a partition and in a false bottom less than 3ft deep. All required urgent medical treatment.

The van's driver, Manfred Schubert, aged 45, was jailed for 30 months, and his unemployed nephew Klaus Rellermeier for two years.

## Citizenship job drive

The Home Office has launched a recruitment drive to clear 70,000 mail bags of applications for British citizenship. The backlog started last January, when the British Nationality Act came into force. An MP described the Immigration and Nationality Department's offices at Croydon, south London, then as "pure chaos". Now the Home Office wants to recruit 70 more administrative officers and 40 administrative assistants - and says it is also willing to hire part-time workers to help to fill the gaps.

## Early chess success by Scottish grandmaster

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The early sorting process involved in the Swiss system has not yet brought any of the grandmasters playing in the Kleinwort Benson British Chess Championship at Blackpool into direct conflict. But the first half of yesterday's six-hour session saw most of them hard at work in the queues for points.

The first success for a grandmaster came when Murray Chandler beat Colin McNaught, the Scottish international master.

That was followed by the surprising defeat of grandmaster James Plaskett by the untested Peter Hempson of Sheffield. Other early results were: D Norwood 1, N Carr 0; C Besumant 1/2, J Howell 1/2; A Morozov 1, M Adams 0; M Pain 1, G Oswald 0; S Bell 1, R Freeman 0; D Knox 1, M Orr 0; A Jones 0, J Gallagher 1; C Pritchett 1/2, Miss S Jackson 1/2; Poulton 1/2, A Mack 1/2; L Cooper 1/2, M Lyell 1/2; T Clarke 0, P Rossiter 1.

Adjourned game first round: M Adams 1/2, A Tunstall 1/2.

## Burnage governors speak out on stabbed pupil

By Douglas Broom  
Education Reporter

The governors of Burnage High School, Manchester, where an Asian pupil was stabbed to death by a white schoolboy, yesterday broke their silence and called for changes in the running of the school.

In recommendations based on the controversial Macdonald report on the killing of Ahmed Ullah, aged 13, in 1986, they called for a new team approach to the management of the school by senior staff and clearer rules on pupil discipline.

They also criticized the inquiry team, led by Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, for what they alleged was its failure to report in detail on the aftermath of the stabbing of the boy in the school's playground by Darren Coulburn, a white pupil.

The governors are among the few people who have been officially permitted to see the full report commissioned by Manchester City Council but which it has refused to publish in full after warnings that parts are full of lies.

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## Inglis blast victim tells of ordeal under 6ft of debris

By Ruth Gledhill and Edward Gorman

Lance-Corporal Ian Booth, who was buried under 6ft of rubble for more than an hour after the explosion at Inglis Barracks in Mill Hill, north London, on Monday morning said yesterday that it was a miracle he had survived.

Still shocked by the blast that killed his best friend, Lance-Corporal Michael Robbins, he said: "We were all lucky. Only one had wasn't."

Corporal Booth, aged 21, from Leeds, said he woke up covered in debris.

"I didn't realise what had happened."

With his face and body covered in cuts and bruises, and his badly burnt chest and back bandaged, he added: "I'm not feeling too good, but I am not in too much pain."

He was buried beneath two floors of the collapsed block and owes his life to a filing cabinet that fell across his chest and kept the weight of the rubble from his body.

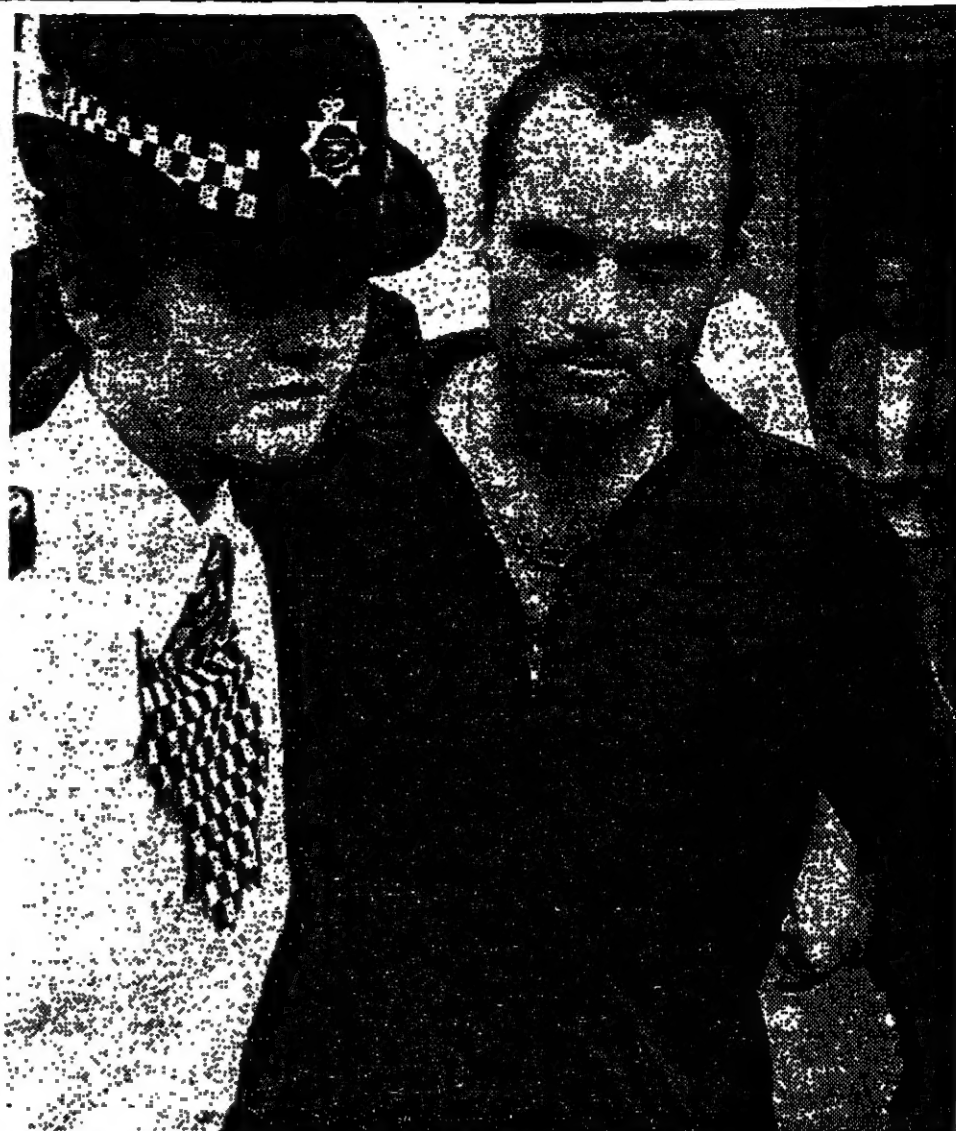
Corporal Booth was admitted to Barnet General Hospital after the blast, but was later transferred to the Military Hospital at Woolwich.

Another of Corporal Robbins' best friends, Lance-Corporal David McAdams, aged 22, of Portsmouth, is still in intensive care at Edgware General Hospital, unaware of his colleague's death.

Doctors, fearing a setback to his condition, have ordered that he should not be told. He has a punctured lung and crushed chest.

Another of his friends, Corporal Peter Griffiths, aged 31, of Worcester, was also seriously hurt; the pair are in adjoining hospital beds.

Hospital staff praised Cor-



Sapper Andrew Cruickshank, aged 26, leaving Edgware General Hospital yesterday after being injured in the IRA bombing of Inglis Barracks (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

## Search for clues in rubble

By Andrew Moger

Teams of police officers yesterday continued an operation that may take a week to pick through the rubble of Inglis Barracks.

They were looking for forensic evidence of a bomb such as tiny particles from a timing device, although their hands fell on the remains of everyday life at the north London depot, described as a happy army outpost.

They found a soldier's boot, protruding through the crust of devastation where part of the men's accommodation block stood, and a teddy bear

given by a loved one to a young soldier.

Nearby a blanket lay next to clothing dumped into the dust from a locker in the blast.

The personal belongings were piled on one side and elsewhere a dozen police officers in green overalls shovelled the entire remainder of the building into plastic sacks and put wooden beams into skips, all for examination later.

More men on their hands and knees picked their way across yards of lawns strewn with wreckage in front of the

quarters in Mill Hill.

Away from the laborious police work life attempted to return to normal at the depot, the centre of the British forces postal service.

Captain Jim Donovan, unit adjutant, said: "People are slowly coming to terms with what has happened and naturally some people are being affected by the tragedy more than others."

"But with the best will in the world everyone is pulling together. We have always considered ourselves a happy family unit."

## Woman bomber theory grows

By Andrew Moger

A former servicewoman at the army barracks targeted by terrorists in north London yesterday strengthened a theory yesterday that inadequate security could have enabled a female IRA bomber to infiltrate the depot during a weekend dance.

As anti-terrorist squad officers interviewed soldiers about the junior ranks' summer ball, held 36 hours before the explosion at Inglis Barracks, Miss Tracey Christie, aged 23, said: "Women could easily get into the men's barracks. They just had to say they were looking for their boy friends."

Miss Christie ended her service with the Women's Royal Army Corps at the Mill Hill postal depot two years ago. But she maintained yesterday that civilian girl friends and servicewomen from other units continued to be smuggled into the men's barracks.

A postal courier and stewardess, Miss Christie, now a supermarket assistant, also gave an account of how, after leaving the service, she was able to slip undetected into a girl friend's quarters.

The dance, an annual event, was attended by about 300 people on Saturday night. The unit's security officer and adjutant, Captain Jim Donovan, yesterday admitted they could have included a small number of civilians.

Miss Christie said the last dance she attended was in 1986, but she understood arrangements were unchanged.

"You could buy tickets beforehand, but no one took tickets off you on the night. You didn't even have to show them. Civilians were supposed not to get in there this way, but they did."

At other times, women had obtained access to the single men's quarters.

## Search for nuclear waste site

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A deep radioactive waste dump could be built at Dounreay in Scotland now that the Government has decided to cut research being carried out at the site by the Atomic Energy Authority into nuclear fast reactors.

The selection of a national disposal site for intermediate level wastes has become a matter of urgency with the decision to start the dismantling next year of the first of the oldest types of nuclear power station, the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive (NIRE) has already made a preliminary study at Dounreay.

Mr John Collier, chairman

of the Atomic Energy Authority, said yesterday that if Dounreay was chosen, the authority would make its expertise in waste and decommissioning of nuclear plant available to Nirex.

Mr Collier was speaking on publication of the authority's annual report, which detailed the body could reorganize to cope with the combined impact of privatization of the electricity supply industry and cuts in spending on research and development.

Mr Collier criticized the decision announced last month by Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, to stop funding research on the

250 megawatt Prototype Fast Reactor (PFR), which, he said, comprised 25 per cent of the authority's work and the closure of which would result in the loss of 1,500 jobs.

"We believe the fast reactor is the world's best bet for providing electricity at competitive prices in the next century", Mr Collier said.

He maintained that if the authority was paid a proper tariff for the electricity it supplied to the grid from the PFR, the project could be self-financing until the end of the century. The PFR had the best performance for extracting energy from nuclear fuel of any large reactor in the world.

## Passengers take to the bus

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Cal Air has obtained a second DC10 to replace one which is out of service for inspection after bursting tyres on take-off at Bangor, Maine, on Sunday. That meant that passengers expecting a 5 am flight from Gatwick to Tenerife today got away at 10pm yesterday, still nearly 10 hours late.

A British Island Airways flight from Gatwick to Tenerife, due out at 1.40 pm yesterday, is now expected to leave at 3 am today because of technical problems.

More than 300 holiday-makers who turned up at Luton airport at midnight on Monday after assurances that their 1.30 am flight to Mallorca would depart on time, were taken off by bus to Gatwick and took off at 9.25 am - eight hours late. The operators, Monarch Airlines, blamed "operational difficulties".

A new Scottish airline, Scottish European Airways, was

## FLIGHTCHECK

Glasgow: No delays on most charter flights.

Headrow: No delays.

Leeds/Bradford: No delays.

Luton: Monarch Airlines flight from Palma due 6.50 am, re-routed to Gatwick, arriving 4.25 pm.

Manchester: Early morning delays - two-and-a-half hours for arrivals; one-and-a-half hours for departures - on a handful of flights. Destinations include Palma, Barcelona, Tenerife and Corfu.

Newcastle: Minor delays to arrivals. Two Britannia flights from Palma due at 5 am and 1.30 pm respectively. Danair flight from Genoa due 7.30am, arrived 9.30am.

Southwest: No delays.

East Midlands: No delays.

Gatwick: All flights on schedule apart from Cal Air and British Island Airways delays.

## TV aerial to woo satellite viewers

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

An inexpensive lightweight television aerial - measuring less than a foot square - was unveiled yesterday by British Satellite Broadcasting as the latest weapon in the multi-million pound battle to win satellite TV audiences.

The alternative to conventional satellite dishes, with a promise of better quality pictures, was BSB's response to the satellite TV package announced last month by Mr Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television.

Flat satellite antennae have until recently been too expensive for domestic use but a production process pioneered by a Scottish firm has brought the price below the cost of dishes.

BSB, due to beam three new satellite channels into British homes from October 1989, signed a deal yesterday with Fortel, based in Fife, for exclusive marketing and manufacturing rights.

The retail price of the aerial and receiving equipment will be "around" £250. The Sky Television dish will cost £199 plus installation charge.

Unlike Sky Television, which is due to beam four new channels into homes from early next year using the conventional PAL transmission system, BSB is planning to broadcast in D-MAC.

BSB claimed that unlike Sky Television, its D-MAC

technology will offer subscription and pay-as-you-view facilities and parental control to prevent children watching unsuitable programming.

Mr Anthony Simmonds-Gooding, chief executive of BSB, said yesterday: "We believe the consumer will demand two things in choosing a satellite service."

"The first is good quality programmes focused on British tastes and the second is technology which will adapt to television innovations rather than being chained to the technology of the Sixties."

The BSB aerial is a quarter the size of the Sky Television dish, but Sky has a seven month start. The systems are not compatible.

Both satellite ventures are likely to bombard British audiences in forthcoming months with the respective virtues of their channels - and Mr Simmonds-Gooding predicted there would be "one winner and one loser."

Mr Iain Whitney

Because of an editing error, later editions of July 29 wrongly stated that Mr Iain Whitney had been detained by Wimbledon police in connection with an alleged ticket touting incident.

As our earlier report was in fact, Mr Paul Berr, whom Mr Iain Whitney represented in court on his acquittal.

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## 'Big medical advances in next decade'

## BMA seeks ethics group to rule on animal transplants

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The British Medical Association called yesterday for the formation of a national ethics committee to deal with controversial issues such as the potential use of animal organs for human transplants.

A transplant surgeon, Mr Michael Bewick, has resigned from a group of doctors who are carrying out research into whether the kidneys and other organs of pigs could be transplanted into patients.

Mr Bewick's disclosure of details of the research led to a dispute with his colleagues who were concerned about adverse publicity.

Mr James Wellbeloved, director general of the National Kidney Research Fund, said such publicity could raise false hope among 3,652 patients awaiting kidney transplants, and could deter others

from carrying organ donor cards.

Camberwell Health Authority in south London, for which Mr Bewick is a consultant surgeon specializing in kidney grafts, said yesterday he had withdrawn from the research project, but would continue treating patients.

Senior members of the project team and Mr Bewick had resolved their differences "which centred on what has been seen by some as premature disclosure of the project", the authority said.

The BMA said that within 10 years, society would be confronted by medical and scientific techniques confined as yet to science fiction.

A national ethical research committee was urgently required to prepare for such advances, Dr John Dawson,

head of the BMA's professional and scientific division, said in launching a BMA book, *Rights and Responsibilities of Doctors*, which summarizes the laws affecting the medical profession on a wide range of issues.

"The use of pigs' kidneys and livers as spare parts for humans is still only a twinkle in the eye of scientists, but we have to assume that this and other techniques which cause public concern will be developed in the next decade."

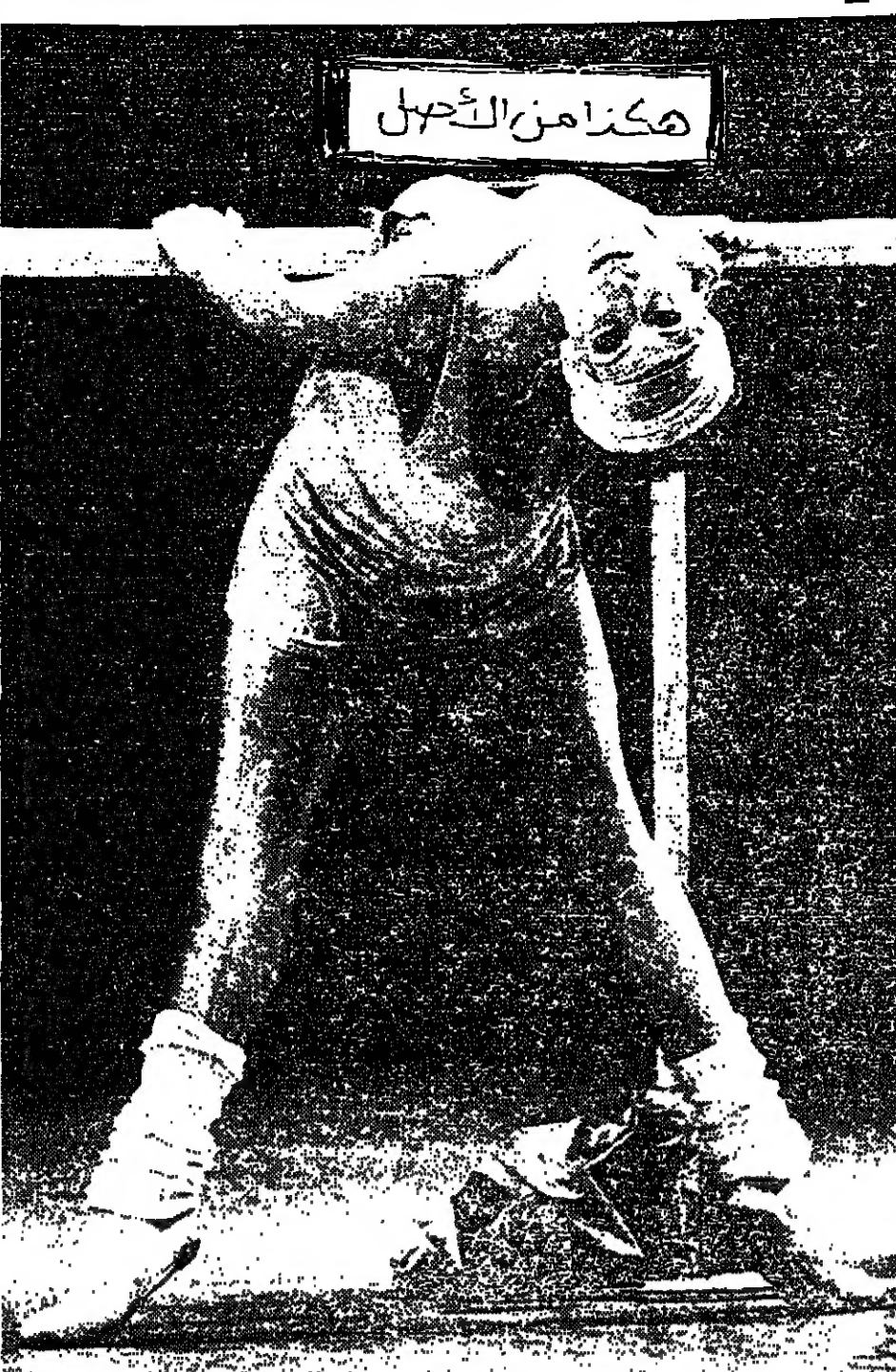
The BMA has been seeking the support of the royal medical colleges and other professional bodies for the foundation of a national committee to investigate ethical issues emerging from advances in areas such as genetic engineering and brain tissue

transplantation. "There is a crying need for such an organization. We have to be able to explore these issues in advance rather than deal with them after they have become realities", Dr Dawson said. He emphasized his belief that animal-to-human transplants were still years away. "In the meantime, we are desperately short of organ donors."

© Sir Michael McNair Wilson, Conservative MP for West Berkshire, who may require a kidney transplant, said yesterday: "I would never have a pig's kidney inside me. I want to go to my grave as a human being, not half human and half pig."

*Rights and Responsibilities of Doctors* (BMA Professional Division Publications, PO Box 295 London WC1H 9TE; £7.95, BMA members £6.95).

## Makarova back in step



Natalia Makarova, the Soviet ballerina, dancing with the Kirov ballet for the first time since she defected to the West in 1970. Miss Makarova flew from her home in New York to see her former colleagues perform at the London Coliseum last week and yesterday took part in classes with them at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, where they are presenting a season of extracts from classic ballets (Photograph: Adrian Brooks).

## Portfolio PLUS NEW Accumulator Wedding windfall

A former sapper officer from Vauxhall, south London, was yesterday's winner of the top Portfolio prize of £4,000. Colonel Charles Peacey, aged 60, who now works for an association of consulting engineers, was delighted with his good fortune. "It's splendid", he said. "My wife and I will be going out to dinner tonight to celebrate."

The win will help to pay for the wedding of their daughter, Diana. "We are marrying her off in the autumn, so it has come just at the right time", he said.

Colonel Peacey has been a regular reader of *The Times* for more than thirty years and has played Portfolio with enthusiasm since it started.

## Officer's plea

Constable Christopher Hirst, aged 27, dismissed from the Derbyshire force after being convicted of assaulting a youth he "clipped round the ear", was last night said to be considering an appeal to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

## Teabag death

A boy aged eight died after swallowing the contents of a dry teabag while playing with friends, an inquest at Walthamstow, east London, was told yesterday. Peter Julius, of Blenheim Avenue, Ilford, Essex, choked on his own vomit. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

## Flora home

Flora Keays, aged four, the daughter of Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, and Miss Sara Keays, left hospital ahead of schedule yesterday, 11 days after surgeons removed a brain tumour.

## Sniper alert

Police are searching for a gunman who fired on a coach and a car on the M6, near Warrington, Cheshire, early yesterday. No-one was hurt in the shooting but both vehicles were damaged.

## More disturbances at Haverigg prison

By Peter Davenport

Fifty men held at Haverigg Prison in Cumbria were transferred to other prisons yesterday after the second outbreak of trouble in two months.

In June damage estimated at more than £1 million was caused when 100 inmates at the Category C prison when on the rampage, setting fire to buildings. Twenty six prisoners escaped but were later recaptured.

The latest disturbances, which began shortly before midnight on Monday, were caused by prisoners complaining about the quality of their food, according to an official of the Prison Officers Association at Haverigg.

Inmates in two of the dormitories left undamaged in the June riot began fires in their rooms and their actions were quickly copied by prisoners in a third dormitory. One inmate had to receive stitches for cuts caused by

flying glass as windows were smashed.

The disturbances, which lasted 30 minutes, involved about 50 of the 250 prisoners still housed in the former RAF camp at Millom on the Cumbrian coast. After the earlier riot 300 men were moved out.

Mr David Williams, an official of the Prison Officers' Association at Haverigg, said yesterday: "We are all surprised that it could happen again so quickly". It had been

thought that all the ringleaders from the previous disturbance had been permanently moved to a more secure establishment.

Mr Williams said that as well as fire damage to the three dormitories the prisoners had also attacked and damaged three portable units brought in after the June riot. One was used as accommodation by officers and the other two housed temporary hospital facilities.

Firemen quickly dealt with a series of fires and police guarded the prison's perimeter fence to prevent any escape.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said the latest unrest at the jail was on a relatively minor scale and prison officers had quickly managed to bring it under control without calling police.

The 50 prisoners are being transferred until the accommodation is repaired in about 10 days. Repair costs are estimated at £1,500 to £2,000.

Last month there were disturbances at another Category C prison in a former RAF camp at Lindholme, near Doncaster.

## Hurd optimistic on Risley

By Ian Smith

Risley remand centre, condemned last month as barbarous and squalid, is a working jail that will be rebuilt at a cost of £53 million, Mr Douglas Hurd said yesterday.

The Home Secretary expressed optimism about its future after meeting inmates and inspecting work on a £2.5 million clock refurbishment scheme. Improvements included the transfer of 300 young prisoners to nearby Hensley and permanent assignment of officers to wings where they would become quickly familiar with inmates.

Unfortunately magistrates continued to renege the access in jail rather than on bail. Mr Hurd said bail hostels would be introduced

to ease overcrowding and more remand prisons would help to replace centres such as Risley, which takes remand prisoners from throughout northern England. He said the Government was acting on recommendations made more than a decade ago by Lord Whitlaw.

However, Mr Graham Harrison, the Prison Officers' Association branch chairman, accused the Government of saying things in public that they failed to put into practice.

There was nothing wrong with Risley that time and money would not put right quickly, he emphasized. The branch met Mr Hurd privately and presented him with 29 dossiers compiled over the past five years in which they warn of ever-worsening conditions.

## Train crowding 'epidemic'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Overcrowding on British Rail trains has become an epidemic that must be cured, a passengers' watchdog group said yesterday.

In its annual report, the Central Transport Consultative Committee said all sectors of British Rail were affected by overcrowding. Investment plans held hope for the future, but the process of improving quality was slow.

Major-General Lennox Napier, chairman of the committee, said: "There are welcome signs that British Rail and the Government are fully aware of the seriousness of overcrowding problems on Network SouthEast and are prepared to invest in improving the commuter's lot."

But the report said the committee remained profoundly concerned about peak train loadings on Network SouthEast.

It was commonplace for agreed maximum loadings to be exceeded, and on some routes overcrowding was totally unacceptable. Many passengers had to stand as a matter of routine for far longer than the agreed maximum of 20 minutes.

As the overall boom in rail travel continued, pockets of chronic overcrowding were developing elsewhere on the national network, not least on InterCity routes.

"Overcrowding has become an epidemic and it must be cured", the report said.

General Napier added that

if British Rail were broken up after privatization, passengers would suffer, and in a separate statement yesterday, a Conservative MP also criticized rail privatization plans.

Mr Robert Adley, MP for Christchurch, said "political dogma about privatization" was irrelevant in coping with congestion.

Unless the Government invested substantially in a modern rail network, the next Secretary of State for Transport would inherit a "yuppie-populated Calcutta in terms of transport facilities".

Mr Adley said the Government's "refusal to countenance active planning in the name of the free market" was "environmentally damaging and politically daft".

## Summer misery for British hotels

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

British hoteliers are having a miserable summer. It is "dreary" in Broadstairs, "poor" in Brixham, "down" in York, and "not a disaster" in Brighton.

In Bath, Avon, business is 16 to 20 per cent tighter than last year. If anyone is picking up trade from stay-at-home holidaymakers fed up with airport delays, it is not Britain's traditional seaside landladies.

Here we are in August, the peak holiday month, and there are vacancy boards in "almost every window" in Broadstairs, Kent, said Mr Colin Keighley

of the town's hoteliers' association. "Tourism in the Torbay area has dropped by 25 per cent in the last 10 years", said Mr Stephen Nichols, an hotelier in Brixham, Devon. "What the average British holidaymaker wants now is an ensuite room overlooking the bay, with colour television and all facilities, and a garage within 10 yards of the hotel for £10 a night, bed and breakfast."

The fortunes of Brighton, East Sussex, are mixed, with conference and summer language schools business making up for traditional seaside holiday-makers. "July was lit-

erally a washout", Mr David Mitchell, of the hotels' association, said.

"There is scope for improvement. It is not a disaster, but it is not going to be one of the better seasons."

Miss Pat Hansen, chairman of the British Incoming Tour Operators' Association, said: "Not so long ago the BTA (British Tourist Authority) were telling us that we were looking at a 2 per cent increase in the USA market for this year."

"Now we are seeing a substantial reduction."

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## Downpour delights brewers

Cooling rain descended on Leeds yesterday to the delight of Britain's real ale brewers.

"This weather is grand", one bar manager declared, watching the water bounce off the pavement. The deluge thundered on the roof of the Queen's Hall, freshening the air around racks of barrels containing more than 100,000 pints in 200 varieties of traditionally brewed beer.

They were the real beers of Britain with lyrical names such as Felstead, Paradise, Old Peculier, Tanglefoot, Brakspear, and Tronch's Wild Boar Bitter, all vying for supremacy at the eleventh Great British Beer Festival organized by the Campaign for Real Ale, Camra.

Over the next four days, the festival will attract some 35,000 drinkers dedicated to the principal of honest 'firing

bear drawn from barrels by the power of barnyard's biopics. The nurse in the first aid room said she had nothing for a hangover, although she could treat inflamed elbows.

Camra reports a successful rearward action against the biggest brewers who have swallowed up so many of the traditional names and products of the industry.

The beer festival offers nothing to comfort or soft marketing. The floors are bare and the hall, a former trolley-bus depot, is occupied by one huge bar bristling with beer pumps operated by enthusiasts who can talk about beer with the same clan that wine buffs discuss their vintages.

Andrea Gillies, editor of the Good Beer Guide, and one of the judges in the Champion Beer of Britain competition, said judging a good beer

required first a careful sniff, and then an inspection of colour and clarity to check the head and for specks of debris that marked an overripe pint. On the tongue it should taste fresh and true to type.

She added: "The thing about English cask beer is that the aromatic qualities do not present themselves until half-way down the pint, which is quite different from the bottom fermented Pilsener beers where the nose bangs out of the glass at the first sip."

Last night Ringwood's Old Thumper was judged to be the Champion Beer of Britain.

Described as a well-hopped, strong bitter with an original gravity of 1060, it is the product of the Ringwood Brewery of Hampshire, set up by Mr Peter Austin, one of the founders of the new brewing movement in 1978.

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## Lambeth Conference calls unanimously for end to conflict in Gulf and Lebanon

### Release of hostages urged by bishops

By Alan Wood

An emergency resolution calling for the release of all hostages held in the Lebanon of whatever nationality was unanimously carried yesterday by the Lambeth Conference meeting at the University of Kent, Canterbury.

It viewed with grave concern the continued conflict between Iran and Iraq and looked to Iran to honour its commitment to accept Security Council resolution 598.

The Anglican bishops also strongly condemned the use of chemical weapons in any circumstances and urged that any further use by any country should immediately be met by punitive sanctions. By accepting an amendment they also called upon the international community to prevent the sale or supply of chemical weapons.

The resolution came before the conference at the request of Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury. He told a press conference that of the tradition at Lambeth conferences that they tried to react immediately to issues of the day if they were sufficiently momentous. That time was now, over peace or war in the Gulf.

The Right Rev Hassan Dehqani-Tafel, Bishop of Iran, who has been living in exile in England for some years, referred to the murder of his only son and of priests of his diocese. He supported the resolution al-

though succeeded in changing its title from "The Gulf and Lebanon" to "Iran, Iraq and Lebanon".

He said their claim was on more than just property in Iran. The identity of the church in Iran was in danger. Three of its workers, including their assistant bishop and administrator, had been imprisoned for the past nine years.

Speaking in the debate, Dr Runcie said the hostages' desperate plight sprang directly from the turmoil in the Gulf and in the Lebanon. At last there were signs of hope that the Gulf conflict would soon end.

The Right Rev Robert Wither, Bishop of Long Island, US, moving the resolution, said it was not directed to any nation exclusively. It called on Islamic Republic of Iran leaders to use their influence to convince some of those who held hostages to release them. In all fairness, it was likewise directed to those who held Iranian hostages.

In Iran, Anglican property had been confiscated; likewise, Iranian assets were held in several countries. Any final resolution of the present conflict must settle property rights as well as restore human rights and individual freedom. That applied to all all countries.

The Most Rev George Browne, Archbishop of West Africa, seconding, said that by

passing the resolution the conference would be testifying to their commitment to peace in the Gulf area.

Dr Runcie said the devotional works of John Donne were measured by English-speaking Anglicans. His words, "All mankind is of one Author, and is one volume", carried particular weight and were especially relevant because Christians shared with Muslims a belief in the One God.

He welcomed the resolution because it so clearly expressed the compassion of the worldwide Anglican communion for all those suffering in Lebanon and the Gulf.

Many bishops knew Mr Terry Waite; all of them had prayed for him. He was a particular friend of the people of Africa.

The archbishop said he had special concern for him because he was a member of his staff and was engaged in another humanitarian mission. Two other British hostages had been held for even longer than Mr Waite's 561 days. They were Mr John McCarthy and Mr Brian Keenan.

There were hostages from other countries - the US, India, Italy, Germany, Iran and, by far the greatest number, from Lebanon itself. The grief of the families of the hostages was universal, knowing no boundaries of religion or nationality.



Metropolitan Timotheos Aphrem Aboodi, of Syria, the Rev Yeghiche Ghizian, of Armenia, and Abba Garima, of Ethiopia.

### Leonard clarifies opposition to women priests

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

may now decide to open their own seminaries or theological colleges.

The position of bishops opposed to female ordination, in the light of Monday's conference decision on women bishops, became slightly clearer yesterday when the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, tackled some of the hypothetical questions he had previously refused to answer.

Dr Leonard speculated at a press conference that the Anglican Communion may be evolving into an Anglican "federation of churches", and spoke of the possibility that traditionalist bishops

carried, which called on the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, to set up an international commission to consider relations between Anglican provinces when some of them consecrate women bishops and some do not.

If the first woman bishop appeared before the commission reported, he added, he would probably be content to say that he considered himself "out of communion" both with her and with the bishops who consecrated her.

He was one of those who helped to draft the resolution the conference

### Full text of emergency resolution

The full text of the emergency resolution on Iran, Iraq and Lebanon, carried yesterday by the conference, is:

1. views with respect to the continued conflict between Iran and Iraq, with its very dangerous consequences not only for all the Gulf states and for the Middle East as a whole, but also for the world at large;
2. welcomes Iran's acceptance of Security Council resolution 598 and looks to Iraq to honour its commitment to do so and upon all countries which have influence to use it to bring an end to the conflict on that basis;
3. condemns the use of chemical weapons in any circumstances and urges that any further use by any country should immediately be met by punitive sanctions, and calls upon the international community to prevent the sale or supply of such chemical weapons;
4. urges that all countries involved should respect property, rights and contractual obligations;
5. recognizes that the grief of the families of hostages is universal, knowing no boundaries of religion or nationality;
6. expresses its deep sympathy to the families of all hostages and to all the people of Lebanon who have suffered for so long the brutal savagery of civil war;
7. calls upon all states with influence to use it to bring an end to the conflict on that basis;
8. prays earnestly for peace and tranquillity in the region.

### Progress on Rome dialogue endorsed

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

Two doctrinal agreements with the Roman Catholic Church over points hotly disputed in the Reformation were strongly endorsed by the conference yesterday.

It also endorsed in general terms the direction joint church talks have taken so far on the even more difficult issue of the papacy. An amendment designed to record Protestant disquiet at the way such talks are going was heavily defeated.

The three statements before the conference were contained in the final report of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), published in 1982. The first two, on the eucharist and on the ministerial priesthood, were judged by the conference to be "consonant in substance with the faith of Anglicans", a formula which was designed to be the strongest expression of agreement.

The third, on authority in the church, was welcomed "as a firm basis for the direction and agenda of the continuing dialogue on authority". It asked the international commission "to continue to explore the basis in Scripture and tradition of the concept of

a universal primacy in conjunction with collegiality as an instrument of unity, the character of such primacy in practice, and to draw upon the experience of other Christian churches in exercising primacy, collegiality and conciliarity".

A further agreed statement from ARCIC, on the doctrine of salvation, including the Reformation controversy over "salvation by faith alone", was warmly welcomed as timely and significant.

The Anglican-Roman Catholic documents were part of a long series of joint church reports which were considered by the conference yesterday - all of which were accepted by large majorities - and was the most sensitive of them, not least because they have made the greatest progress of all the ecumenical negotiations in which the Anglican communion is engaged, and because of the origins of Anglicanism in the sixteenth-century split with Rome.

The 1982 report had been submitted to all 27 provinces of the Anglican communion in advance of yesterday's vote, which was the definite judgement.

### 'Golden era' for young job seekers

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

A golden age of employment opportunities for the young and for married women is on its way as a result of the 25 per cent decline in school-leavers over the next five years.

Competition between employers to attract staff is expected to push up pay in many businesses, and attractive packages will be offered for the better educated.

The Institute of Manpower Studies (IMS), which has just completed a study of how employers may face the challenge of the big reduction in young people joining the labour force between now and 1995, has made the predictions and has issued yet another warning to company chiefs to act now or be left behind.

Some employers in the South-east are already taking action, an IMS report says, by increasing the recruitment of part-time women staff, reducing recruitment standards; introducing their own tests to replace educational qualifications; recruiting in all parts of the country; and encouraging women to return after raising a family. They are also encouraging school leavers by emphasizing career prospects and increasing pay in unpopular branches.

Some companies are said to be moving towards a four-day week while working the same number of hours as for five days, in order to reduce travel costs, and are accelerating the introduction of technical investment and redeploying staff on a day-to-day basis between branches.

The IMS report emphasizes that it will not just be the young entering the labour force who will benefit from the employers' responses. Job opportunities are likely to increase for adults, especially married women working part-time. To attract that group employers, as well as providing part-time work or flexible hours, may have to make

Most young people in the North-east are failing to find jobs in spite of the trend towards fuller employment in other parts of the country, according to a report published yesterday.

The report, commissioned by North Tyneside council, shows that only one in 10 school-leavers aged 16 are finding full-time employment, compared with 32 per cent in 1980. It says that 56 young people are applying for every vacancy in the North-east.

Of those attending government youth training schemes, 37 per cent are finding full-time employment.

Mr Stephen Byers, deputy leader of the council, said they were the worst figures the council had had since it started keeping records in 1974. He is appealing to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, for more help with jobs. "We will be demanding that an action programme be established to get our young people into work," he said.

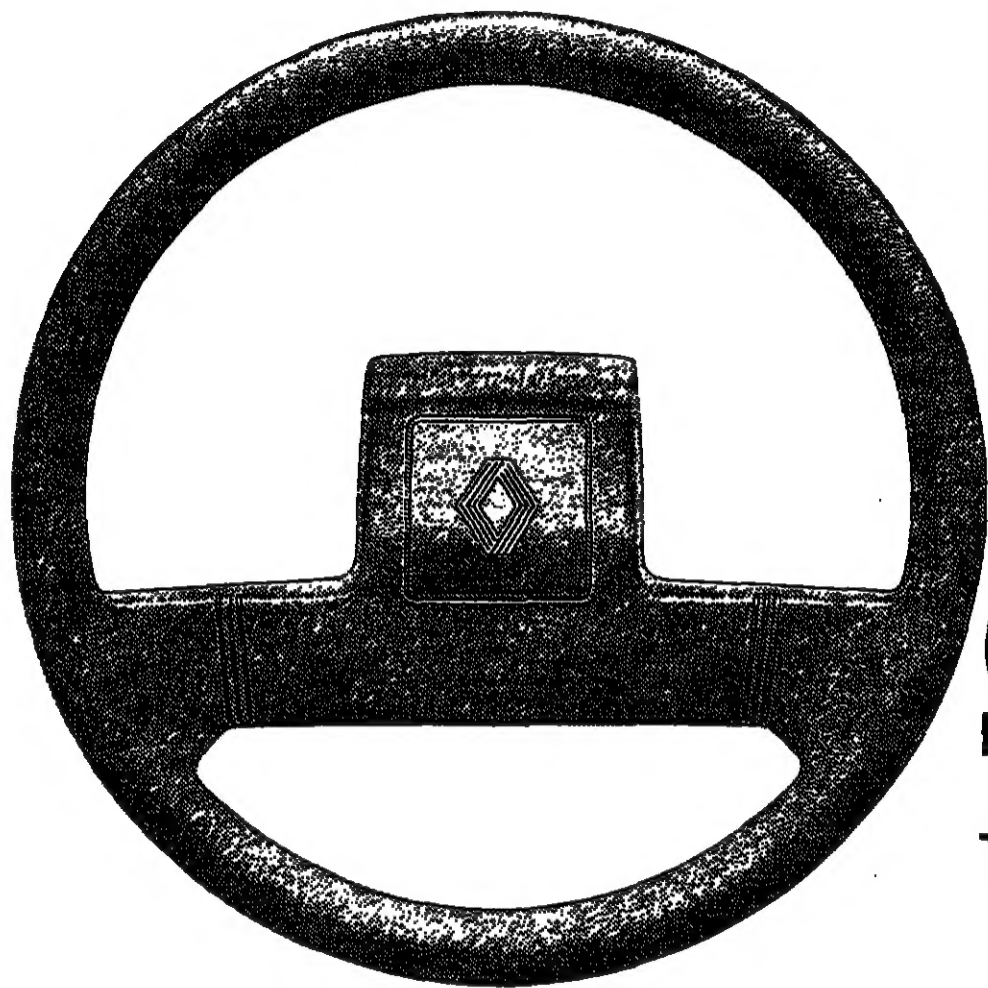
Other changes, such as introducing career breaks and senior part-time posts to accommodate their particular employment needs.

The IMS used 20 large employing organizations in the financial services, retailing, public sector and manufacturing for its study.

Miss Hilary Metcalf, an IMS research fellow, said: "Our findings may be good news for school-leavers and alternative labour, such as part-time female workers. But the demographic change is bad news for employers, especially if they fail to prepare for the future."

**Employer Response to the Decline in School-Leavers into the 1990s.** IMS Report No 152. (Mantell Building, Sussex University, Falmer, Brighton, Sussex BN1 9RF; £15 plus £1 p&p).

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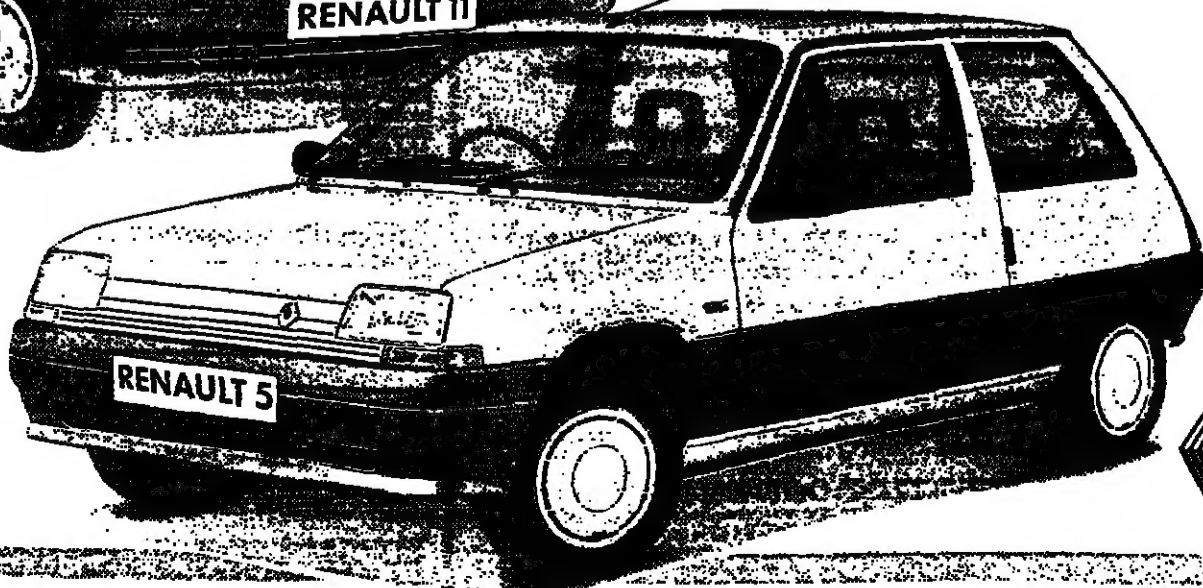
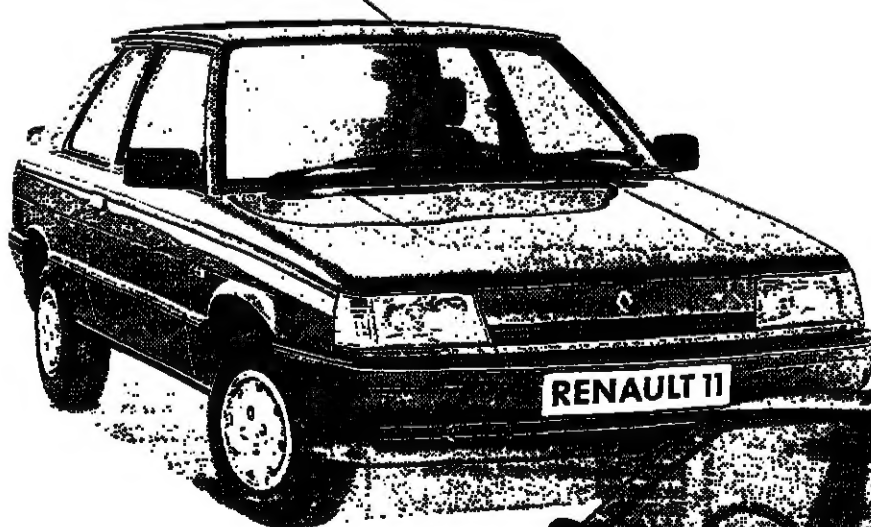
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# Hospices may shut wards to meet cost of nurses' pay deal

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Hospices may have to close wards and dismiss staff to pay for the nurses' new clinical grading structure, it was claimed yesterday.

Britain's 102 voluntary hospices face a bill estimated at £7 million to pay fully the grades announced by the Government in April. The charity Help the Hospices has appealed to health ministers for direct funding or special NHS funding to help to meet this year's award but it has been told that the Government has no such obligation.

Individual hospices are approaching local MPs to lobby on their behalf, a move that coincides with the Prime Minister's call for "fair and consistent" implementation of the new gradings.

In a letter to Mr Trevor Clay, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, Mrs Margaret Thatcher says that health authorities should not restructure their staff but should grade jobs on the basis of nurses' duties and responsibilities as of April 1.

Hospices have traditionally offered NHS rates to nurses but they are finding it hard to pay the 15.3 per cent average

rise awarded by the Government this year. Although some hospices receive between a quarter and a third of their income from direct grants or individual contracts with district health authorities, many receive no public funding. Most health authority grants are now diminishing and do not take pay awards into account.

Tony Newton told the House of Commons in June that he expected health authorities to bear the pay awards in mind when assessing support to the voluntary sector, but districts are telling hospices they have no extra money. Mr Paul Rossi, secretary of Help the Hospices, said yesterday.

Wigan hospice, a 12-bed unit, run by local volunteers, finished its clinical grading exercise last week. It will have to find more than £50,000 to fund 28 jobs. Mrs Jean Peet, the matron, said yesterday.

"Our running costs are £500,000 a year. In 1987 we got £120,000 a year from Wigan health authority. This year we were given only £60,000."

Mrs Peet said the hospice

faced the option of closing beds or reducing staff numbers. It would be difficult to reduce staff as the service relied on highly intensive nursing. The hospice is appealing to the local MP, Mr Ian McCartney, to get additional government funding.

Mrs Thatcher's intervention comes after nurses in several districts have complained that health authorities are asking them to compete for their jobs or are redefining their duties to contain the costs of the award.

She emphasized the need to "ensure fair and consistent implementation within both the letter and spirit of the agreement between the two sides of the Nursing and Midwifery Staffs Negotiating Council and the recommendations of the Review Body".

But the Prime Minister gave no indication in her letter to Mr Clay that further money would be forthcoming.

The Government had distributed the full additional amount of £450 million allocated for nurses' pay in England to regional health authorities, she said.

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# Bridge to clear the Dartford bottleneck



An artist's impression of the Thames bridge, which will double the crossing capacity provided by the Dartford tunnels.

By Rodney Cowton  
Transport Correspondent

Work is about to start on a new bridge over the Thames at Dartford, Kent which will be the largest of its kind in Europe. It will double the capacity of the existing tunnels and eliminate one of Britain's worst traffic bottlenecks.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, and Sir Nigel Brookes, chairman of The Trafalgar House Group, which will build the

bridge, yesterday began driving the first pile for the foundations.

The bridge, due to come into use in 1991, will carry four lanes of southbound traffic, with four northbound lanes using the tunnels.

It will be 2,700 metres long, with a main span of 450 metres. The main towers will be 130 metres high, and the bridge will provide clearance of about 54 metres for shipping.

The tunnels now carry 28

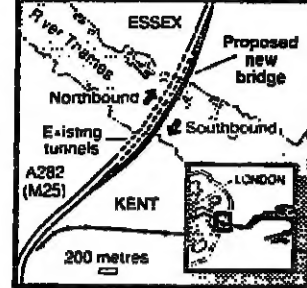
million vehicles a year; the bridge will increase crossing capacity to 50 million.

The tunnels, which were jointly owned by Essex and Kent county councils, were recently leased by the Department of Transport to a company specially formed to carry out the project, Dartford River Crossing (DRC) which will also build and operate the bridge.

The cost of construction will be about £26 million, but a £200 million financial package

has had to be assembled to cover building costs, buy out £42 million debts on the tunnels, and provide £72 million for interest and administrative costs.

The money will be recovered by tolls, but under an agreement with the Department of Transport the tolls will be maintained in real terms at the levels of January 1986. When the borrowings have been repaid — and in any case within 20 years — the bridge and tunnels will be handed



back to the Government, free of debt. On present estimates this would be after 14 or 15 years.

# Challenge to Bar control intensifies

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors are to intensify their campaign to break the Bar's monopoly in the higher courts and on the High Court bench under the leadership of Mr Richard Gaskell, the newly-elected president of the Law Society.

Mr Gaskell, aged 51, a litigation specialist and part-time West Country farmer, is determined to press the Lord Chancellor to implement the recent recommendations of the Marre committee on the future of the legal profession.

In particular he is keen to see solicitors on the High Court bench. "It seems preposterous that at one level solicitors are eligible (the circuit bench), but at another they are not, regardless of the qualities they might have, unless they transfer first to the Bar."

The appointment of Mr Gaskell as head of the solicitors' professional body is timely. Not only is his home city, Bristol, increasingly to the fore as a key centre, but he has always favoured wider rights of audience for solicitors, and in particular believes they should be eligible for the High Court bench.

He is a believer in "one step at a time", however. First he wants to see solicitors gain crown court advocacy rights, recommended by a majority of the committee, on which Mr Gaskell was a member.

"The Lord Chancellor has power to deal with this on his own, he has only to decide what direction he is going to give", he said. The Lord Chancellor will now be pressed to take action.

On High Court rights for



Mr Richard Gaskell: "one step at a time".

solicitors, Mr Gaskell says: "My own view is that I am entirely in favour of increasing rights of audience for solicitors. If someone is good enough to go in and deal with cases in the crown court, there is no reason why they should not be competent to deal with cases in the High Court."

But it was important to see how the crown court rights worked, before moving on to the High Court, he said.

The Marre committee also recommended, by a majority, a new Rights of Audience Advisory Board, to act as a kind of licensing body for solicitors deemed to have reached the required standard for the crown court.

That proposal has yet to come before the Law Society council. But the new president indicated that if there was to be such a board at all for solicitors entering the crown court, it should also cover new barrister-advocates entering the High Court.

The Bar, he warns, can "expect some straight talking, as I am sure I will receive from them". Mr Gaskell, the first Law Society president from Bristol for 28 years, is "instinctively" against the American-style contingency fee system (according to which lawyers are only paid if they win the case) but would not rule out examination of the issue.

Nor does he favour changes to allow solicitors to set up shop with other professions in "mixed partnerships" and doubts there is much demand for them.

In his spare time the president, who is married with two children, farms 85 acres in Wiltshire in partnership with his wife. He has no manager and "drives, mends and maintains the tractor, cuts the hay and bales it" and does his own ploughing.

But for the next year his new post is likely to dominate. Mr Gaskell takes over at a time of great change for solicitors. He could well see a change in their role which fits well with his own philosophy.

"People have always said, if you hold these views, why not become a barrister. But the fact is I wanted to become a solicitor because I like the regular dealing with people."

# Widow bequeaths land to cricketers

By Peter Davenport

The cricketers of Swaynby in North Yorkshire have been bequeathed the use of their cricket ground in perpetuity by their most devoted supporter.

Mrs Francis Steel, aged 90, who succeeded her late husband as president of the Swaynby club, wrote in her will that so long as the club, formed in 1909, remained in existence, it would have the use of a 3.286 acre site rent-free.

The club, lying third in the Langbough West rural league, has had five grounds since it was formed.

Mr Charles Hartley, the treasurer, said yesterday Mrs Steel's bequest had come as a relief to members.

"She often said she intended to do this, but we couldn't be certain until it was written in black and white in her will. We are all very relieved at not having to move grounds

again. It is a marvellous gesture."

Mrs Steel's husband, Ronnie, was club president between 1949 and 1963. She succeeded him and remained president until her death in February.

She first gave the club its present ground, opposite a group of pensioners' bungalows, in 1971, when its prior home, behind the Black Horse Inn, became unavailable.

She gave the ground rent-free and then paid £1,500 for a pavilion to be built.

"She was a great cricket fan and the club was one of her main interests", Mr Hartley said. "She attended most of the matches and dinners and even helped to make the teas at games. She was a very gracious president."

Mrs Steel's niece, Mrs Pauline Kyng, is to succeed her as the new club president.

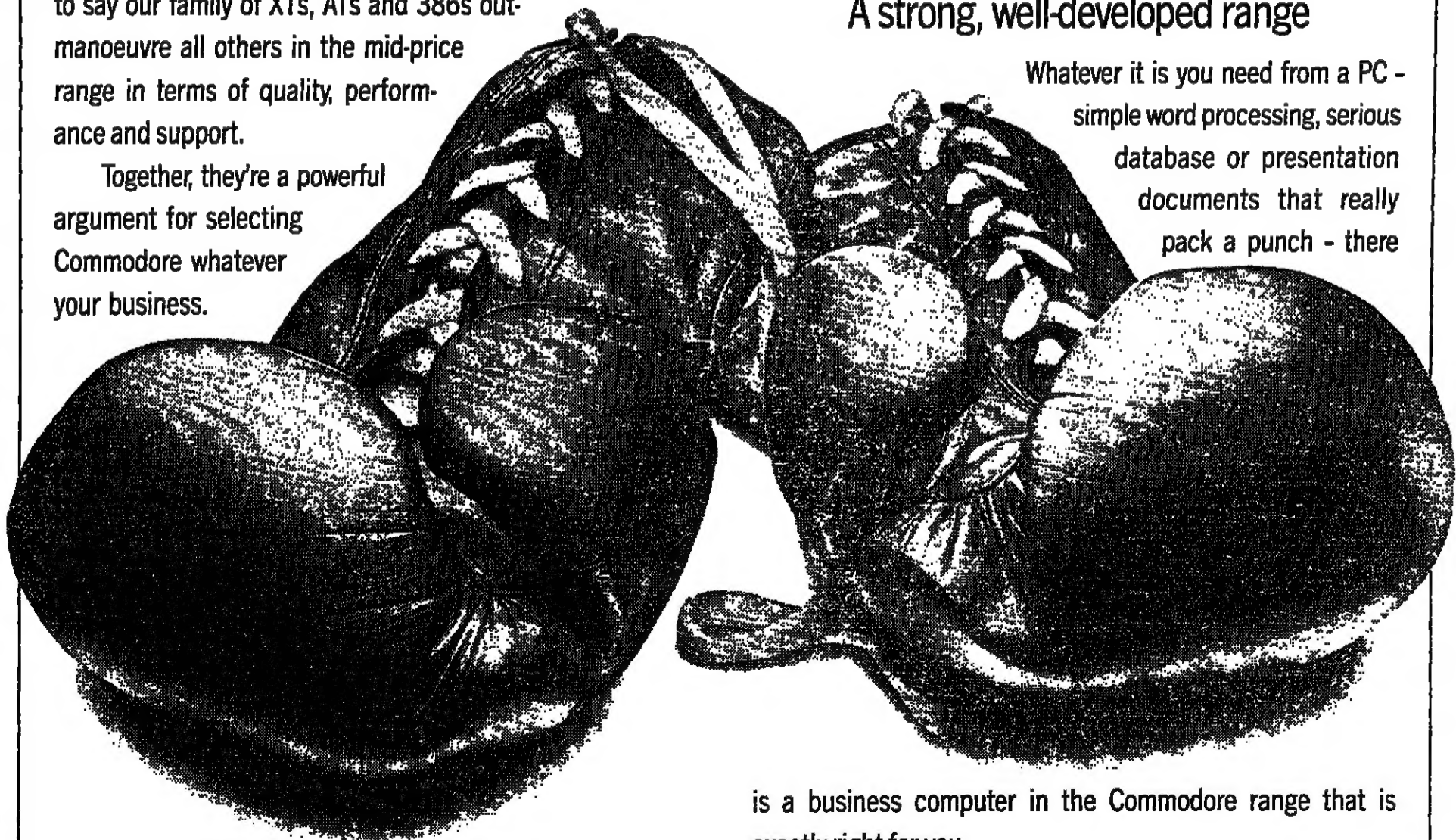
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# Kremlin envoy tries to break impasse on Nagorno-Karabakh

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Leaders of the Communist parties of the rival republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan met yesterday in Stepanakert, the capital of the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, under Kremlin orders to resolve their differences and ensure an end to months of strikes and protests that have crippled the region's economy.

Tass said that the Armenian party leader, Mr Soren Arutyunyan, and his Azerbaijani counterpart, Mr Abdul-Rakhman Verzirov, met under the auspices of a special envoy, Mr Arkady Volsky, who has been appointed for the task by Moscow.

Mr Volsky, a member of the Central Committee, was named last week to head a commission ordered to end months of strikes and demonstrations. He enjoys full authority in the region and has the power to order troops and police into action if he judges it necessary.

The Nagorno-Karabakh regional party head, Mr Genrikh Pogoyan, who presided over the council vote to secede from Azerbaijan, was also present at the discussions.

The Tass account said that party and government officials and agencies were dragging their feet and failing to implement orders from Moscow to get the region back to normal working.

"It was noted at the meeting that numerous shortcomings and difficulties have accu-

mulated in the autonomous region. This requires the adoption of exhaustive measures to rectify the situation," Tass said.

The meeting came as a senior official in the investigation department of the Public Prosecutor's office, Mr Vladimir Nenashv, said that 94 people were now in custody in connection with February's rioting in the Azerbaijani town of Sumgait.

The rioting left 32 people dead, including 26 Armenians, and 200 were injured. The authorities described the rioting as an anti-Armenian pogrom.

Mr Nenashv told the trade union newspaper *Trud* that 16 criminal cases, involving 20 defendants, have been submitted for trial. Some trials have been moved from Azerbaijan to the neighbouring Russian Federation "to ensure justice" — a move considered a concession to Armenians worried about light sentences being handed down by Azerbaijani courts.

Tass said that the Stepanakert meeting involved an exchange of views on how best to fulfil the July 18 decision by the Supreme Soviet which upheld Azerbaijan's right to govern the enclave with mostly Armenian population.

The Supreme Soviet ruled that the attempt to secede was unconstitutional and was in violation of Article 78 of the Soviet Constitution which

states that the territory of no union republic can be altered without its consent.

The Communist leadership of Nagorno-Karabakh voted to secede from Azerbaijan and to unite with Armenia, but the Kremlin ordered a veto.

Part of the subsequent crackdown included the arrest of the Armenian nationalist leadership in Nagorno-Karabakh and Yerevan, the Armenian capital. Mr Parovir Aikryan, a leader behind the secessionist movement, was stripped of his Soviet citizenship and deported to Ethiopia.

Troops and police also had been used in large numbers to end demonstrations and strikes which had plagued Nagorno-Karabakh and much of Armenia since the Sumgait rioting in February.

According to sources in both Yerevan and Stepanakert, life is getting back to normal and troops have been withdrawn from the streets. From the tone of the Tass statement on the Stepanakert meeting, however, the pace of change is much too slow to please the Kremlin.

The Kremlin has been eager to end one of the most embarrassing chapters in Mr Gorbachev's three-year rule.

As one negative spin-off of the affair, the Interior Ministry and the Justice Ministry last week issued strict guidelines imposing nationwide limits on freedom of public protest.

# Life stirs in shadow of death

From Robert Fisk  
Chadila camp  
west Beirut

The rubble, the mud, the very sewage in the broken concrete gutters, have assumed a grey dun colour. Dust cloaks the few, pulverized trees.

It seemed somehow against nature when a little red-headed girl in a brown dress emerged from the darkness of a collapsed wall and said "Hello." Even the old woman in a white scarf who ran after the United Nations refugee director, screaming "I live in a hole in the ground — rebuild my home," had something surreal about her. For Chadila has virtually ceased to exist.

Indeed, were it not for the 159 people of the ruins who have returned to live in this emptiness, Chadila could be taken off the map of Beirut. Its roadways are narrow or tracks between shattered concrete. Its mosque now serves as a makeshift cemetery: the dead of this year's battles lie beneath a thin covering of dirt in the basement, surrounded by torn photographs and wreaths.

A young man invited us to see the Chadila hospital. A blackened hulk of concrete lay atop its single storey. But, stooping beneath, we found an underground clinic dispensing medicine to a middle-aged woman and a little boy holding a toy pistol. The operating theatre is deep beneath the earth. On the outside wall someone had spray-painted the word *Intifada* (uprising) in a tribute to those more comfortable Palestinians who are fighting the Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Everywhere we found the same word, in bright red paint, as if those Palestinians just over 100 miles to the south could inspire the continued existence of Chadila.

Some of the rubble was piled 30 ft high, one floor pecked on to another as each battle had nibbled away at its foundations. After the massacres of 1982 it had been rebuilt. After the siege by the Amal militia in 1985 it had been partially rebuilt. Now, after anti-Arabit Palestinians have helped to destroy it again, it is once more to be rebuilt.

"Reconstruction" is a forbidden word, even for the UN, which is paying. For to "rebuild" the camp would imply that the Syrians and Shia Muslim militiamen and pro-Syrian Palestinians had destroyed it. To "rebuild" it would suggest that the Pales-



A Palestinian woman taking a brief rest after queuing yesterday for rations distributed by the United Nations Relief Agency in the Chadila refugee camp in the suburbs of Beirut.

tinians might actually settle in its shuns. So every official talks about "repairing" the houses, the hospitals and schools and homes that simply are no longer there.

It is difficult to forget that Palestinians themselves, albeit threatened and black-mailed by Amal and by the Syrians, brought this latest shameful destruction upon Chadila. Just across the rubble lies the mass grave of the 1982 victims of Israel's Christian militia allies who murdered hundreds of civilians. The new ruins have been partly blasted across their graves.

Yesterday Signor Giorgio Giacomelli, the Commissioner General of the UN

Relief and Works Agency, toured the camp, avoiding the harsher questions from those Palestinians who were again demanding the restoration of their homes. Several hundred had moved nearer to Chadila to watch the bulldozers at work, perhaps to return themselves in a few days.

Two miles away, in the ruins of the Bourj al-Barajneh camp, the same atmosphere of resignation permeated the alleyways. A UN schoolhouse was being rebuilt — or repaired — while young men in camouflage dress, some with pistols at their hips, watched.

"The uprising is the beginning of the return to our land," a poster proclaimed to the

survivors of the siege. There were no pictures of Yasser Arafat — the Syrians had seen to that.

A thousand people stayed on in Bourj al-Barajneh, even though UN officials logged 4,000 shells falling on the two camps one night last month.

Only one monument remained, a figure on a plinth, its face smashed away by bullets and mortars, its broken feet still just clinging to a concrete base bearing the Palestinian flag. It was holding three pieces of wire to which the faint shape of a Kalashnikov rifle still adhered. It was the statue of a Palestinian guerrilla, a shadow of a gunman.

# Missing man sets Britain apart

By Andrew McEwen  
Diplomatic Correspondent

When the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, and his ministers entertain Mrs Thatcher to lunch in Canberra today there will be a notable absentee, Mr Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, who may well be the next Governor-General.

Mr Hayden is in Toronto, attending a meeting of seven Commonwealth foreign ministers who will today assess the effectiveness of sanctions against South Africa and consider steps to tighten them. Britain has refused to take part in the committee because the Government opposes any extension of present sanctions.

Mr Hayden's absence from the welcoming parade for Mrs Thatcher is not a calculated snub, but is bound to draw attention to the vast gap between her views on sanctions and those of the 47 other Commonwealth countries. He and the other foreign ministers will be debating proposals which could prove extremely embarrassing to Britain.

One proposal is that the Commonwealth should publish the huge amount of information it has gathered on companies and governments whose trade sustains Pretoria. The aim would be to shame those out of step with world opinion to fall into line.

Two confidential reports are being put to the ministers. The first is a highly detailed analysis, prepared by a group of experts — most of them British — of South Africa's trade with the rest of the world.

The other report, prepared by the governments of Canada, Australia and India, examines the links between South Africa and the international financial system.

Britain features prominently in both reports. In the first it shares the limelight with Japan, Taiwan, West Germany, Italy and The Netherlands, among others.

The second report has been kept much more secret, but British banks are understood to have been named among principal suppliers of finance for investment in South Africa.

# Carlucci sees secret bomber

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The US Defense Secretary, Mr Frank Carlucci, was treated yesterday to an unprecedented display of Soviet military prowess, visiting an army base near Moscow and sitting at the controls of a top-secret Blackjack bomber.

"They let me sit in the cockpit, but I couldn't tell one instrument from another. But it is obviously a very impressive aircraft," Mr Carlucci said after his visit to the Kubinka air force base, 40 miles from Moscow.

The Blackjack bomber is the latest and most deadly

addition to the Soviet nuclear force. It is capable of flying at Mach 2 for 4,000 miles without refuelling and is armed with nuclear-tipped cruise missiles that give it a strike range of close to 3,000 miles.

The Russians later put on an impressive display for Mr Carlucci, conducting an exercise with live ammunition at the Taman guards' mechanized infantry division on the outskirts of Moscow. Neither area has previously been visited by foreigners.

Mr Carlucci and the Soviet Defense Minister, Mr Dmitry

Yazov, watched the battle from a platform constructed to give them an impressive view.

Opening the bases to Mr Carlucci is an attempt to prove to conservatives in Washington that Mr Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of *glasnost* has reached the military. Mr Carlucci travels to the main naval base in the Crimea today.

Moscow has pressed for reciprocal meetings of the defence ministers, as a sign of their equal status as a superpower and as part of Mr Gorbachev's policy of regularizing every possible contact.

# NSW faces crisis with £20bn debt

Sydney — New South Wales, Australia's so-called Premier State, has announced debts of \$AUS46 billion (about £20 billion) and the risk of financial collapse unless there are radical changes (A Correspondent writes).

The figure was revealed after a four-month investigation into public spending by a commission appointed by Mr Nick Greiner, the Liberal state Premier. Its findings come as a shock amid a year of extravagant bicentenary celebrations.

The state's public transport system has gone broke, and there are losses of \$AUS1.123 billion among its five leading public utilities. Only the loss of thousands of public sector jobs, sales of public assets and severe cutbacks in public services can stem the tide, according to the report. Mr Greiner has committed his Government to act on most of the recommendations, with privatization a key remedy.

# Kenya judges curbed

Nairobi — Controversial constitutional amendments which effectively remove the independence of Kenya's judiciary from the executive were rushed through Parliament yesterday (Andrew Buckle writes). Normal procedures were waived as the legislation, published only five days ago, passed all three readings in a single sitting.

The amendments were passed unanimously, and one MP, who suggested that more time should be allowed for public debate, was shouted down. The amendments allow the President to dismiss judges at will and increase from 24 hours to 14 days the period for which people suspected of capital offences — treason, murder and violent robbery — can be held before being brought to court.

# Poisoned oil victims

Calcutta (Renter) — Adulterated cooking oil has paralysed more than 400 people below the waist, made thousands ill, and spread panic throughout this city of 10 million people. The first victims were diagnosed a fortnight ago, and the Health Minister, Mr Prasanta Sur, was quoted as saying that new cases were being reported every day.

The oil, which had been contaminated with insecticide, was distributed through government-controlled food stores. "Somebody has been doing this deliberately," the information Minister, Mr Bhuddadev Bhattacharya, said. He admitted that the Government did not know who had done it or why. Eleven people have been arrested.

# Refugees forced back

The Hong Kong Government is ready to send Vietnamese boat people back to Vietnam with or without their consent, if Hanoi will accept them (Andrew McEwen writes). This tough attitude arises from exasperation over a huge increase in the numbers leaving Vietnam, and is receiving full backing from the British Government.

Officials of both governments yesterday confirmed the policy of compulsory repatriation on the eve of three-sided talks in Hanoi. A joint delegation from Hong Kong and the Foreign Office is to hold meetings on the future of the boat people with Vietnamese counterparts. Hanoi has reversed its previous refusal to take back the boat people, but wants the West to reciprocate by aiding its failing economy.

# Expulsion appeal lost

Twenty-three MPs expelled from Parliament by the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Father Walter Lini, lost the first round of a legal battle to regain their seats after Chief Justice Gordon Ward, of the neighbouring Solomon Islands, dismissed their appeal (A Correspondent writes from Sydney).

Father Lini's personal and political rival, Mr Barak Sopo, will continue the fight in the Supreme Court in Port Vila today, having made threats that he will use force to re-enter Parliament if necessary. The 23 MPs led by Mr Sopo were expelled last week after they boycotted Parliament. They argue, however, that the expulsion vote was unconstitutional because it was taken without a majority of the island's 46 MPs being present.

# Left wing recalls Knesset on Husain's withdrawal

From David Bernstein, Jerusalem

Five left-wing opposition parties yesterday submitted the 10 signatures needed to recall the Knesset from its annual summer recess to debate the announcement by King Hussein of Jordan that he was withdrawing himself from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The special debate, which is expected to take place on Monday, was sought by MAPAM (socialist), the Citizens' Right Party, Shinui (Party for Change), the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Progressive List for Peace and Democracy.

The leaders of both main parties, the Prime Minister, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, of Likud, and Mr Shimon Peres, of Labour, have reacted to the latest developments.

Mr Shamir said on Israel television that King Hussein's announcement had "created nothing new and would have no influence whatever on what is happening, or on what will happen in our region."

He said that King Hussein's interest in a peace settlement with Israel was to "deprive us of all the fruits of victory in the (1967) Six-Day War, including Jerusalem — so if he has distanced himself from this process, that is no cause for regret."

Mr Peres, on the other hand, does not believe that the

King has disengaged himself from the peace process, but has merely stepped aside until after the November general election in Israel.

"Husain is saying what is plain to all: that is, until after the election in Israel, there is no option for negotiation," he said. "If there is an Israeli option, what can the King do?"

... the election here will decide whether the Jordanian option is dead or not."

AMMAN: Jordan yesterday put off explaining the effects of its shedding of responsibility for the West Bank, while the Palestine Liberation Organization called emergency talks on the issue (Renter reports).

A PLO spokesman said in Baghdad that an emergency session of the Palestine National Council — the Palestinian parliament-in-exile — had been called to discuss Jordan's move. He said that the 450-member council would meet within a month, probably in the Iraqi capital. A senior PLO delegation would leave for Amman next week, but Mr Yasser Arafat, the chairman, would not be at its head.

Mr Arafat was invited to Amman in March and had been expected here early this month. PLO and Jordanian officials here could not say if he would still come.

Jordanian officials balked at defining the implications of King Hussein's decision to cut ties with the West Bank. Mr Rajai Dajani, Minister of the Interior, refused to confirm or deny reports that Amman planned to withdraw or cease renewing passports of West Bank Palestinians.

"It's too early to comment," he said. "Measures cannot be taken overnight. We have to study and evaluate all aspects of implementing the policy to break with the West Bank."

Jordan denied on Monday an Israeli television report quoting travellers from Amman as saying that the Government was preparing to travel documents to replace Jordanian passports in the West Bank.

The King said he was bowing to PLO and Arab pressure on Jordan to clear the way for an independent Palestinian state.

In Cairo, Dr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, urged the PLO to "shoulder its national responsibility towards the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

Jordan sets aside about \$30 million (about £17.6 million) annually for the West Bank.

# Shultz smiles through his latest Nicaragua setback

From David Gollob, Guatemala City

Beaming despite the failure of his latest diplomatic offensive against Nicaragua, the American Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, yesterday pressed on with his 10-day tour of Central and South America, where more foreign policy minefields await him.

Fondly referring, after a meeting here on Monday, to the foreign ministers of Washington's allies in the region as "my ministers", he showed no sign of displeasure at the refusal of Costa Rica and Guatemala to join Honduras and El Salvador in forming a common diplomatic front against the Sandinista Government.

Mr Shultz had been seeking a harsh condemnation of Nicaragua in a proposed joint declaration.

Costa Rica and Guatemala had made their positions clear in talks before Monday's meeting. But the US Embassy in Guatemala, as well as the Costa Rican and Guatemalan foreign ministers, have all issued statements denying that US officials used "pressure" in an attempt to force a change in policy.

A co-ordinated Central American denunciation of Nicaragua would have given a powerful weapon to supporters in Congress of aid to the Contra rebels. The US Senate is due to take up a

request for renewed military aid later this month.

But Guatemala and Costa Rica, sponsors of a regional peace plan signed last year, oppose a military solution to the conflict.

Joining the US initiative would have signalled a repudiation of the peace plan, which says that Central Americans must be left to solve their own political problems. Instead of

Washington — A hastily-assembled plan by Senate Democrats to allocate \$18 million (£10.5 million) in military aid to the Nicaraguan Contras collapsed yesterday (Christopher Thomas writes). Even if a compromise could be found it would stand little chance of passage through the House of Representatives.

scathing seven-page condemnation of the Nicaraguan Government, the Central American foreign ministers and Mr Shultz issued a bland, two-page statement urging progress towards democracy and reaffirming the importance of the peace plan. Nicaragua was not mentioned by name.

Earlier, faced with the stubborn refusal of the Costa Ricans and Guatemalans to bend, Mr Shultz had discarded at the last minute a

prepared arrival statement, copies of which had already been distributed to journalists travelling with him on the aircraft.

The statement had criticized harshly the Sandinista's Soviet ties, their over-sized army, and repression of opposition activity. Instead, Mr Shultz attacked only the failures of Sandinista economic policies, and suggested that Washington's allies were beginning to prosper with their Western economic policies.

But although Nicaragua has obsessed the Reagan Administration over the past eight years, most of Mr Shultz's Latin American tour will be devoted to South America. He will attempt to take credit, on behalf of the Administration, for transitions to democracy in Uruguay, Argentina and Brazil.

This emphasis will help to deflect criticism of ambivalent US policy towards military dictatorships in Chile and Paraguay, as well as the embarrassing failure of more than a year of American efforts to remove Panama's military strongman, General Manuel Noriega, from power.

"This is damage control," said a diplomatic observer. "The idea is to make (US Republican Presidential candidate) Bush look good."

# UN may impose ceasefire if Iraq stalls peace talks

From Charles Bremner in New York and Hazhir Teimourian

With the New York peace talks at an impasse, Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday pressed ahead with plans to declare a ceasefire in the Gulf War with or without the agreement of Iraq.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar indicated late on Monday that he could go ahead with a risky, unilateral effort after a week of frustrated attempts to negotiate a ceasefire date with the Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers.

Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, has pledged Iran to observe any "D-day" ordered by the Secretary-General.

Mr Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, is continuing to insist on face-to-face talks with Dr Velayati as a condition of discussing a ceasefire date.

As Señor Pérez de Cuéllar consulted Security Council members yesterday, President Khamenei of Iran said that if Iraq continued to insist on direct negotiations, Tehran,

too, would make the acceptance of UN Resolution 598 conditional. He announced Iran's new line on the ceasefire negotiations at a mass rally of troops and civilians in the southern city of Ahvaz. His speech was broadcast live.

He doubted that the council's Resolution 598, the ceasefire order of July last year, would bring peace to the Gulf. "If pre-conditions are in order, we will raise our own," he said, adding that Iran would revert to its previous position of demanding "the punishment of the aggressor" as its precondition.

He told the rally that if Iraq and its backers thought that Iran's acceptance of the UN resolution was due to military weakness, they were mistaken. "The Iranian nation would fight on until the Iraqi regime was finally overthrown," he said.

Until Iraq changed its terms and suddenly accepted the resolution last month, it had insisted that a tribunal must identify the aggressor in the eight-year war before it would stop fighting.

Amid chanting from the crowd,

Mr Khamenei added that Iran would not exchange an inch of its land for peace. This was a reference to Iraq's unilateral abrogation. Five days before the start of the war of the Treaty of Algiers, which, in 1975, settled the course of the 700-mile border between the two countries. Iraq is now in possession of a number of border strips which were in Iranian hands at the start of the conflict.

Iran wants a return of the territories behind their frontiers set down by the Algiers treaty.

President Khamenei's address was part of nationwide rallies organized by the state "to renew the people's pact with the Imam" — Ayatollah Khomeini.

Yesterday, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar softened his promise to declare a "D-Day", saying "when I say that I am going to declare a ceasefire in consultation with the members of the Council, I do not exclude that I be in touch as well with the two foreign ministers."

His spokesman also refused to confirm that the Secretary-General intended to set a date without the

consent of both sides. With his mandate from the Security Council, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is empowered to impose a ceasefire, but diplomats were doubtful about the prospects of enforcing the order should Iraq choose to ignore it. If an order failed and Iraq was drawn back into fighting, the UN would suffer a damaging blow to its authority.

It appeared more likely that the Secretary-General was using an eleventh-hour bluff to raise the pressure on Iraq to start serious talks. By persisting with the war after declaring for a year that it would accept a ceasefire when Iran complied, Baghdad is finding itself increasingly isolated.

Monday's UN report charging Iraq with increased use of chemical weapons added to the opprobrium and stiffened the unity of the five permanent Council members, Britain, France, the United States, the Soviet Union and China.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said he would set a date after receiving a report from the UN military team

that has been visiting the Gulf for the past 10 days. The team is due to return to New York from Amman today and deliver its findings tomorrow.

Before declaring a ceasefire, the Secretary-General would be would consult countries willing to contribute troops to a UN peace-keeping force of about 250 soldiers. He will also set dates for withdrawing forces from occupied land, for an exchange of prisoners, and for setting up a panel to assess responsibility for the war. Iran is counting on the panel to blame Iraq for its invasion of September 1980.

Diplomats said yesterday that it was understood that the permanent Council members would not contribute personnel to the monitoring force. The troops will have a delicate and complicated task: observing a 700-mile border, supervising withdrawal and monitoring air and sea movements in the Gulf. If Iraq ignored a UN ceasefire date, the monitoring force could be caught in the fighting.

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# Walk-out by top Mafia investigators triggers a political storm

From Roger Boyes  
Rome

The unprecedented walk-out of Italy's top anti-Mafia fighters, including Palermo's chief of detectives and nine magistrates, has sparked a political crisis in Rome. The leaders of the five coalition parties have been summoned from the beaches for a summit meeting tomorrow to show that the Government is serious about its campaign against organized crime.

The Superior Council of Magistrates, which oversees Italian judges, tried again unsuccessfully yesterday to persuade Signor Giovanni Falcone, a magistrate and the star anti-Mafia investigator, to withdraw his resignation. The council will now report its findings to the Government and to President Cossiga, who, in an attempt to maintain the credibility

of Mafia investigations, has personally tried to ginger up the Justice and Interior ministries.

But Signor Falcone's position has been strengthened by the resignation on Monday of Signor Antonino Nicchi, head of the Palermo detective squad, who said: "It is not possible to work in peace any more in Palermo."

The main reason for the revolt is that investigations into how the Mafia launders its drugs profits — so called "narco-lire" — invariably run into a brick wall.

The anti-Mafia squad, or "pool", has been given powers to look into the bank accounts of Mafia suspects and to trace the routes of heroin and cocaine profits from the United States and Sicily to Zurich, the Milan stock exchange and the City of London. The idea of the move was to follow up quickly on the success of the

maxi-processo (maxi trial) in Palermo last December which convicted 338 mafiosi, including 19 chiefs.

But after the arrest of a few suspected Mafia financiers, the investigations would be dropped — especially if they involved probing the political background. One task of the Government, and in particular that of the Christian Democratic Party which controls Sicily, will be to demonstrate that it is not afraid to expose politicians with Mafia connections.

At the heart of the dispute is a professional rivalry between Signor Falcone, aged 49, and his immediate superior, the 68-year-old judge Dr Antonino Meli.

Signor Falcone, moustachioed, vain and tough, has helped to run the anti-Mafia pool since July 1983, when the Palermo investigator, Rocco Chinnici, was shot

dead. He has been responsible over the past five years for the interrogation of several hundred mafiosi and has written arrest warrants for more than 1,000 of them. His masterstroke was persuading Tommaso Buscetta, the Mafia chieftain, to turn evidence against the "Godfather", Michele Greco, and ensure his imprisonment.

Signor Falcone explained his success in a talk with *The Times* last year: "It's quite simple. I am a Sicilian from Palermo. I have always lived here. Whenever I have to predict what the Mafia will do next, I say to myself, 'If I were a mafioso, what would I do now?' I have learnt to think as they do."

Signor Falcone has a permanent bodyguard of 25 policemen, equipped with machine guns. His office has specially sealed doors

and windows and his bath is protected by bullet-proof glass. He has visited the cinema only once in five years: "My bodyguards cleared three rows behind me and three rows in front of me, searched the ice-cream sales lady and patrolled the aisles. I haven't been back since."

Not surprisingly, he has attracted his share of criticism for cutting too high a profile. Infighting and departmental jealousies ensured that he was not given the job of chief magistrate when it became vacant earlier this year.

Instead, the position was filled by Dr Meli, who immediately reorganized the anti-Mafia pool. First he declared that investigations against the Mafia should be conducted like any other inquiry. That was supposed to prevent a kind of Wild West atmosphere developing. After the success of

their maxi-processo, it was open season against the Mafia.

In practice, the new rules mean that Mafia cases can be handed over to magistrates outside the pool, that is to those who are not Mafia specialists. And, by the same token, Mafia experts like Signor Falcone can be — and are — ordered to solve simple cases of burglary which have nothing to do with organized crime.

In his resignation letter — in fact a formal request for an immediate transfer away from Sicily — Signor Falcone said: "Until now I have tolerated all of this silently. But now I can no longer justify this silence. My convictions are radically different from those of the chief of the investigation department, who has explicitly given himself responsibility for all cases involving the Mafia."

The storm in Sicily began two

weeks ago, when Signor Falcone's right-hand man, Dr Paolo Borsellino, went public with his complaints.

In a newspaper interview he said: "There are serious attempts to dissolve the anti-Mafia pool. Investigations are now split up into thousands of different channels. The police have no idea any more what is happening within the Cosa Nostra. And yet the Cosa Nostra is reorganizing itself — and how."

The Government is now faced with a sticky summer mess. Simultaneously it has to show its resolve in combating the Mafia and to clean up an increasingly bitter fight within the judiciary. It looks like being a good summer for the holidaying warlords of the Mafia, busily spending their *narco-lire* in the seaside resorts of southern Italy.

## Weather instability hits China

# Floods follow blazing heat to intensify inflation crisis

By Anatol Lieven

A week ago, elderly and sick people in the south-eastern Chinese province of Zhejiang were dying of heatstroke in their hundreds as temperatures soared to the highest levels in memory and drought threatened the harvest.

Yesterday, in the same province, at least 256 people were reported drowned in flash floods, and about 500 more are missing. "Entire villages have been destroyed," a spokesman said. The floods are being described as the worst for centuries.

In provinces near by, farmers are still enduring drought. The heat has caused a public health crisis, with people collapsing in the street, hospitals overflowing, and doctors advising as little work as possible, even though peasants are trying to save a ruined harvest.

In Zhejiang, a coastal province to the south of Shanghai, about 20 in of rain fell in torrential squalls on Friday and Saturday. The floods are receding, leaving behind a hundred reservoirs with burst banks, and around 17,000 devastated houses, many of them containing the bodies of inhabitants who had no time to escape.

Almost two million acres of farmland have been swamped. Floods in May and June in Zhejiang and neighbouring Fujian and Jiangxi provinces cost more than 200 lives. The damage of the past few months extends across most southern provinces.

The climatic instability which has affected much of the northern hemisphere this year has had its most savage effects in China. The result has

been both great human suffering and a severe blow to the country's economy. The drought had already severely damaged many crops, from corn and potatoes to cotton and tea. In Zhejiang alone, officials said, 350,000 tonnes of early rice had been lost.

The rains will revive some crops, but will destroy others completely. These losses are likely to worsen inflation in China, running at more than 13 per cent. The country is seen as unlikely to fulfil its grain targets, which have also been hit by the fact that many Chinese farmers have been growing cash crops.

The *China Daily* has quoted officials as saying that up to 4.5 million people in Zhejiang may go short of food. United Nations relief agencies had already begun organizing supplies for Fujian. Officials have said that they will not refuse such aid, which Communist China has never sought.

It is thought that Peking will have to import about 20 million tonnes of grain in the coming year — and the drought in the American Midwest means that this is unlikely to be cheap.

Mr Trevor Page, director of operations of the World Food Programme in Peking, said that there was a link between the drought and the floods. The parched earth had baked "like concrete", and the rain, instead of being absorbed, had rushed across it in torrents.

The fury of the floods is also being blamed partly on deforestation, which destroys the roots that help trap rainfall in the soil.

Some climatologists, for their part, are speaking of an

overall shift in the world's climate with results that are already becoming apparent. This would involve a general warming — due perhaps to the so-called "Greenhouse Effect" — and much greater unpredictability in weather patterns. Measurements have shown a slow overall decrease — with great local variations — in rainfall south of the line of latitude 35 degrees North, and

among those killed in Zhejiang were families who apparently drowned while making heroic efforts to save their new refrigerators and television sets.

Advertisements have appeared on television showing peasants sweating to bring in the remaining harvest while careless urbanites throw half-eaten rice-cakes into bins. The motives for this state campaign go beyond the weather crisis. It also seems to be intended as a restorative to morale seen as affected by the corrupting influence of rapid economic change.

The weather disasters and harvest losses come at a bad time for the Chinese Government, which is trying to cope with a growing inflation causing considerable public anger. Retail prices in June were over 19 per cent higher than a year before. The harvest shortfall is likely to make matters worse.

Differences over how to implement price reform have led the leadership to break off their customary series of summer meetings on economic strategy at the northern resort of Beidahu, apparently in order to give themselves more time for discussion and thought.

Observers think that a suspension of the process of economic liberalization may be in prospect.

It may be noted that this is a Year of the Dragon. During the last Year of the Dragon, 1976, Chairman Mao died and the Changshun earthquake killed up to 750,000 people. Floods and drought have also been considered signs that a dynasty is losing the "mandate of Heaven".

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Studies by the Climatic Research Unit of the University of East Anglia show a general decrease in rainfall in parts of the northern hemisphere. The trend has very great local variations, as the Chinese example shows.

an increase north of that line. If this trend continues, it will have disastrous long-term consequences for countries like China, which have relatively unsophisticated agricultural systems.

In recent weeks the Chinese authorities have been making strenuous efforts to create a spirit of national solidarity with the farmers of the south. Such efforts by the state have become rare in recent years as Chinese, with approval from above, have concentrated on enriching themselves.

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## Brittle Greek-Yugoslav ties crack as Belgrade ignores drought plea

From Mario Mediano, Athens

Yugoslavia's refusal to restore the flow of the Axios river waters to levels that could save the rice crop of the Salonika plain from drought has aroused anger in Athens and exacerbated an already unhappy relationship.

Mr Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, called Yugoslavia's attitude totally inadmissible: "No civilized nation behaves in this way. In times of floods and drought even enemies are given a chance to help. All the more so since we regard the Yugoslavs as our friends. Clearly this is something we should bear in mind in future."

Diplomats attribute the vehemence of his reaction to growing Greek resentment over Belgrade's failure to restrain a steady flow of propaganda from the Yugoslav republic of Macedonia against the alleged oppression of the "Macedonian minority" in

northern Greece. Athens denies the very existence of a Macedonian minority.

Only a month ago the Greeks turned back at the Yugoslav frontier two groups of self-styled "Macedonian exiles" who said they had been evacuated from Greece as children during the civil war 40 years ago.

Some 3,000 of them organized a rally in Skopje, capital of Macedonia, which prompted Greek protests to Belgrade. The drought that now threatens the rice crop in

the Axios river basin has only added to the friction. A Greek Government spokesman said yesterday that despite repeated appeals Yugoslavia had refused to increase the river flow.

But it has agreed that Greece should pump up to 10 million cubic metres of water from Lake Dojran, which lies astride the border.

Angry Greek rice-growers protested by using their tractors to block the main highway between Salonika and the Yugoslav border for several hours on Friday, dispersing only when Greek officials assured them that diplomatic action was being taken.

The Yugoslavs, however, insist that the drought is also affecting them and that any increase in the water flow to Greece would jeopardize the entire riverine eco-system on their side of the border. Greek officials believe this negative attitude to be Skopje's revenge



Map of the Balkans showing the location of the Axios river basin and the border between Greece and Yugoslavia.

for Greece's steadfast refusal to recognize not only the presence of a Slav minority in Greece but even the existence of a Macedonian language.

In fact, Greece has accused Skopje repeatedly of having usurped the name "Macedonia" to create a fictitious nation allegedly descended from Alexander of Macedon, to encourage the "return" of land at Greece's expense.

An organization calling itself the Macedonian National Liberation Army has been flooding northern Greece with leaflets showing an ancient Macedonian warrior charging with his sword. The caption reads: "Support the struggle for liberation of the historical territories of Macedonia!"

They show a map incorporating the Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, the Greek province of Bulgaria and Albania in a state with "Solun" — Salonika — as its capital.

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## Burma's new leader tries to revive ruined economy

Bangkok (Reuters) — Burma's new Socialist leader, U Sein Lwin, yesterday held an unannounced meeting with the country's political leaders to discuss plans for reviving the collapsed economy.

Diplomatic sources said that the meeting, in Rangoon, was attended by party leaders, Government ministers and other senior politicians. No details were available.

U Sein Lwin, aged 64, took over as head of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party from U Ne Win, who relinquished power after 26 years at a party congress on July 23.

One of his first acts was to order the detention last Friday of the country's most outspoken dissident, General Aung Gyi, and nine others, apparently to quell months of bloody disturbances that left more than 200 people dead.

General Aung Gyi's family said yesterday that they had had no direct word of his

situation, though Rangoon radio has confirmed the arrest and said that the men would face criminal charges of anti-government activities.

One diplomat contacted from Bangkok said: "We have been in touch with family and friends of Aung Gyi. They still have not had direct word from the authorities, or been told where he is being held."

The 70-year-old former general has written at least five open letters condemning the Government and demanding observation of human rights and economic reforms.

Students, who have been in the vanguard of anti-Government protest, have given out leaflets in Rangoon calling for demonstrations. Some have called for a general strike next Monday, the eighth day of the eighth month of 1988, and a date considered portentous for action.

More arrests: The authorities in Burma have arrested two of the so-called "Thirty

Comrades" for alleged involvement in underground pamphlets, calling for the overthrow of U Sein Lwin, according to Western diplomatic sources (AP reports).

The arrests on Monday of two former freedom fighters, Ta Ya and Yan Nyang, are part of an apparent attempt by U Sein Lwin to root out men who could lead a revolt against him, the Rangoon-based diplomats said.

Amnesty International, in a statement received in Bangkok yesterday, expressed concern over the arrests of General Aung Gyi and his "associates", and said that as many as 25 people may have been seized for what it termed "the peaceful expression of their non-violent political beliefs".

Amnesty International's statement said: "At least 25 people were held incommunicado without charge or trial in Insein Central Prison, near Rangoon."

## Eight die in attacks by Tamils

Colombo (Reuters) — A Sinhalese businessman, his wife, son, daughter-in-law and a servant have been hacked to death by Tamil guerrillas in their home at Akkaraipattu in Eastern province, according to a Sri Lankan military official.

The Indian High Commission added that three Indian soldiers were killed and four wounded in an explosion in the northern district of Vavuniya on Monday.

**Bus passion**  
Houston (AP) — Patrick Johnson, aged 23, who told police he stole as many as 100 buses because he had loved them since his mother went out with a bus driver, was ordered by a judge to stay away from them for 10 years or go to prison.

**Mother left**  
Valencia (Reuters) — A Spanish family going on holiday solved the problem of what to do with their mother, Señora Josefa Iglesias, aged 60. Police said they dumped her penniless in the street.

**Aids policy**  
Warsaw (Reuters) — A Polish insurance company is offering insurance against Aids to Poles who can prove they do not carry the HIV virus, which causes the disease.

**Man bites dog**  
Pietrmaritzburg (AP) — Rex, a South African police dog, was bitten on the ear and also suffered a serious neck injury when a suspect turned on him during an arrest.

**Lethal dose**  
Peking (AFP) — A Chinese nurse has been arrested for causing the death of a patient by accidentally giving her a drip feed containing tractor fuel, the *Legal Daily* reported.

**Aztec mission**  
Mexico City (Reuters) — Seven Aztec activists have flown to Austria to persuade authorities to let them bring back Montezuma's feathered headdress to Mexico.



A woman feeding her son, one of the victims of cholera sweeping east Delhi. now painted red to warn of their danger, out of necessity. The administration was bringing water in tankers, but there was not enough to go around, they said.

## Secret grief for forgotten victims of Afghanistan's war

From Karan Thapar  
Kabul

There was suppressed excitement when Adil Nader Shah's household went to sleep on Saturday night. He had promised that early next morning he would take his son Aslam, aged 10, to the holy city of Mazar-e Sharif, in the north of Afghanistan.

"For the little boy it was a dream," Adil's elder brother said, as he stood crying on the spot where Adil had been killed by Mujahidin rocket fire. "You see, Mazar is our holiest city and it is far away. For the 10-year-old the journey would have been an adventure."

But for Adil, a clerk at the Defence Ministry in Kabul, and two guests he had planned to escort home to Mazar-e Sharif, Sunday never began. As the household lay asleep at 4.30am an inaccurately fired Mujahidin rocket exploded in the walled courtyard. Adil and his guests were killed as they lay asleep indoors. A muddy, blackened as-

ter in the middle of the yard is all that remains of the rocket.

It is disappointingly small, but the effects on the walls and the house are obvious. All the windows have been holed and in places warped by the explosion. The interior walls are hollowed and pocked like a lunar landscape.

"There, there," Adil's brother pointed to small red splashes behind a tattered curtain. "That's the sign of Adil's martyrdom. That's all that's left of my brother, of this little boy's father."

In terms of statistics, the deaths will add only three more names to the long roll-call of Afghan casualties during the nine-year civil war. Perhaps more than a million have died.

But the case of Adil and his guests (whose names, in Afghan tradition, could not be revealed) is different. Unlike the others, their deaths will not be publicized or mourned by the Mujahidin, for they died at their hands. The

Afghan Government will trumpet their killing as proof of Mujahidin barbarity, but few Afghans would wish to have this government weep at their grave.

Adil Nader Shah and his guests are destined to be forgotten victims. They were not important people and their deaths were not intended, so no faction will mourn them.

What is more important to the Government, and to the Mujahidin, is that such rockets can now threaten the capital. Last week, foreign diplomats decided to evacuate their dependents after Western missions had been hit accidentally in similar attacks. The Government has described this decision as a product of anti-Afghan propaganda.

The rockets that hit Kabul are believed to have been fired from Paghman, previously a royal hill resort, about 45 minutes' drive from Kabul. Paghman is "out of bounds". A Government minder explained that this means it is at

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courtyard. The house, a medium-sized dwelling of brick and mud, seemed empty. It was only after a while that it became clear that the family members were sitting huddled inside, shocked, frightened and resentful of this intrusion.

Like the families of the other estimated 80 casualties of Mujahidin fire in July, this one did not wish to share its grief.

"They are scared," the taxi driver explained. "If they do too much, the Mujahidin will not like it. And, you see, if they talk to foreign journalists like you the Government will not be happy. They always suspect that we are giving information."

We left in silence. Adil's two brothers and his son, who had by then perhaps been somewhat reassured, came to the front door. The usual Afghan crowd refused resolutely to materialize. Suddenly Adil's son spoke. "He says you write," the taxi driver translated, "but he says you have no picture of his father."

It took the full powers of persuasion that my taxi driver could summon before, reluctantly and with evident regret, they let me in. We walked in silence through the entrance yard and to the back

## Missing man sets Britain apart

By Andrew McEwen  
Diplomatic Correspondent

When the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, visited London last week, he was the first Australian Prime Minister to visit Britain since the war.

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## See you at the ball, Rodney

Clement Freud, at  
Cowes, savours  
the smoked  
salmon and the  
conversation in a  
week when sailing  
traditionally takes  
second place

After Monday's flat calm there was a shade more wind on the Solent yesterday. Rodney thought about force 2; Jeremy said more like 3; the Union Jack on the mast by the harbour bar was limp.

We rode about in a rub-a-dub — a small inflatable dinghy driven by a powerful outboard motor — and around us were some 800 boats, averaging half a dozen crew members each. They were divided into 24 classes and were sailing in staged starts over whichever of the courses numbered one to 996 on the official programme was decreed by the day's organizers, the Royal Yacht Squadron.

The squadron was established in 1815. Admiralty warrant granted in 1829, headquarters: The Castle, Cowes, Isle of Wight. If you want to join, a combination of impeccable breeding and nautical ignorance appear to be helpful.

This year is a non-Admiral's Cup year; the sponsorship balloon bears the name of Heineken lager instead of Mumm's champagne... but the elders of the clans will tell you that the fireworks display is better when the big boats and the big foreign classes are elsewhere engaged. Fireworks happen on Friday.

Essential dates to bandy about, irrespective of whether or not you have an invitation, are the squadron ball on Monday, Royal Corinthian ball, Tuesday, Royal London ball, Wednesday, and every other club that wishes to pour drink down the throats of its members and friends, pick Thursday. For those still able to make the 15 mile journey, the Bembridge Sailing Club ball is the ticket that is the final endorsement of your desirability.

Among the dramatic personae is the Royal Yacht, minded by the serious looking frigate Achilles bearing the prince's Philip and Michael and his Majesty King Constantine of Greece.

As a direct consequence of the royal competitors, there are a substantial number of grockles — who walk down the high street from the International Store to the hot bread shop giving each other information as to which royal is likely to appear where, when.

Then there are the sailors and their boats; they have a tough or comfortable time depending on whether it is their intention to have a good time or to win. Putative winners take an apple and a Mars bar; others have been seen to board with sides of smoked salmon, lemon halves wrapped in



Three examples of quayside fashion at Cowes: left, the lifejacket, shorts and plimsoll line; centre, ball gown and waterproof handbag; right, yachting cap and penguin suit

muslin and bottles of white burgundy that are trailed behind the boat to ensure coolness... and cut speed.

Their women, who stay in hotels or in rented houses, traipse around the tinted village until it is time to kick off their jeans and decide which cocktail dress, evening gown, set of false eyelashes and nautical brooch to take upon this night's outing.

The most interesting contingent is known as racer-chasers: female camp followers who appear in mid-afternoon collecting sailors as their mothers used to collect *Bunty* annuals. You find them in pubs and hotel bars and if all fails, you find them in boarding houses, hoping for better fortune tomorrow. Their small talk is about the weather and they are deeply class conscious — like they know the advantages of a man on a Dragon

or Daring over one on an X-boat. In Belloc's garden party the rich arrived in pairs and also in Rolls-Royces; at Cowes the rich arrive in crews of 10, by hydrofoil from Southampton and they do talk about affairs in loud and strident voices. The yachting correspondents on the Isle of Wight are joined by the gossip writers to ensure that there is something even for those who think port is an acceptable accompaniment to lemonade.

Sailing remains a sexist sport — though there are the odd females upon the water. "Too weak to winch" is the general assessment and at the Castle where the squadron is situated, women have their own entrance, are barred from using the main staircase, prohibited from buying drinks at the bar; they seem not to be waiting for a Pankhurst to chain herself to the flag pole

or set fire to the White Ensign. At 11am when serious sailors were out, or about to go out upon the water, Peter de Savary gave a Press conference in a small blue marquee in which bottles of Captain Morgan's rum and cans of lager were available to top up anyone whose alcohol stream seemed likely to be thinned by blood. De Savary is a tough, engaging, convincing man who has found that steady availability to the media has done wonders for his social acceptability. Any day now he will appear on *This is Your Life* and not recognize Prince Michael of Kent's wife when she says: "And I launched your first yacht."

His news was not one to cause journalists to race away and bid their editors hold the front page. His Blue Arrow trimaran — which is not a trimaran — has broken a

wing, possibly by hitting a lobster pot. He said that this was fortunate, for the new wing that is even now being fitted in Falmouth will be five times stronger.

Even though — thanks to legal nastinesses — the upcoming America's Cup was including him out, the 1990/91 challenge was the one for which his syndicate was aiming; the strong likelihood of 20 entries and real competition to take on the holder. He read a letter from a nice man who had sent him £50, and when he asked for questions and someone quizzed him about the mutual consent rule and what affect this would have on the deed of gift, I went into the high street and became a grockle. If only I had brought my yachting cap, I could have gone into a fish and chip

shop and might have been mistaken for a competitor by a racer-chaser.

The real competitors, the while, having passed the finishing line, fought for the berths they had been allocated, which someone else had already taken. They then broke ranks — 85 per cent making for the beer tent to tell willing listeners how they would have won if... The rest lodged their protest, telling the race committee how they should have won.

Astonishingly only two or three streets back from the water there are holidaymakers whose sole concern is whether the cream tea will come with strawberry or raspberry preserve — and on their post-dinner stroll they wonder what on earth Rodney and Jeremy are doing in yachting mess dress, known in the trade as bum freezers, and why nearly all the girls are called Amanda.

## SCIENCE REPORT

## Metal meals

The surprise discovery of an exotic compound in an unusual sea creature could improve our understanding of trace elements, the chemicals which in tiny quantities are vital to the health of man and animals.

Researchers at the University of Illinois recently discovered that a blue-green pigment in the Caribbean sea squirt *Trididemnum solidum* contains nickel. This is one of the rare instances of a living organism hosting a compound that contains nickel.

Researchers still have little idea why nickel is vital to animals, plants and micro-organisms. Now that sea squirts are known to selectively strain nickel from sea water, they have become ideal targets for study.

Iodine and vanadium are among the many substances which sea squirts are already known to sieve from sea water. Their additional fondness for nickel is reported this month by Keith C. Bible and his colleagues in an American journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Bible and his colleagues extracted a few thousandths of a gram of the pigment tunichlorin from more than 180lb of sea squirt. Even such small quantities were sufficient to show that the pigment contains nickel. Tunichlorin's full chemical name is nickel 2-devinyl-2-hydroxy-methylpyrophosphoride, which although unwieldy in conversation tells chemists that tunichlorin consists of an elaborate doughnut-shaped ring of atoms with a single nickel atom in the centre.

The structure resembles that of iron-containing compounds such as haem, the compound which makes blood red. Chlorophyll, which makes plants green, is a similar compound, but it contains magnesium instead of iron or nickel in the centre of the ring.

Chlorophyll is also present in the sea squirt, raising the suspicion that tunichlorin is made not by the sea squirt on its own, but with the help of symbiotic bacteria, known to make chlorophyll. Tunichlorin without the nickel atom is very similar to pigments made naturally by the bacteria: the nickel atom in the centre of the doughnut-shaped molecule may simply be a finishing touch added by the sea squirt's own enzymes.

But just filling a hole with a nickel atom is not as easy as it sounds; nickel atoms do not associate with chlorine molecules as easily as iron atoms. The researchers say that the effort required indicates that sea squirts insert the nickel for a purpose, and that purpose is related to metabolism. So, nickel appears to play an important role in the life of sea squirts, just as it seems to do in the lives of other animals and plants. But there are still few clues as to what this role might be. Tunichlorin may well turn out to have some vital metabolic role.

Henry Gee

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## Make space for the children

Keith Hindley visits a rocket range to find a nation helping youngsters reach for the stars

"Three... two... one... Fire!" The engine of the red, white and blue rocket spouted flame and it shot out of the launch stand. Familiar events? Yes — but this was not the Kennedy Space Centre. The countdown was in French and the launch site was an army range at Mourmelon, in north-eastern France.

The 28-high Cerapad 16 rocket was the creation of a group of Paris teenagers, members of the Cerapad Rocket Club. France boasts more than 50 such clubs, organized under the supervision of the Association Nationale Science Techniques Jeunesse (ANSTJ) and the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES, the French Space Agency). At the end of the month 80 teenagers from all over France will fire 23 rockets over a weekend at Mourmelon.

"We believe it is important to give youngsters a feel for the excitement of high technology projects," says Guy Pignolet of CNES, which is giving the clubs limited financial backing. "The children must raise the money to build their own hardware," he adds. Each club is organized around a team of four or six. "We encourage teamwork because that is how high technology is done today. Most clubs form to build and launch one major rocket — again, just as real project teams are created and dispersed."

CNES provides the clubs with transmitters and solid-fuel motors — thus removing some of the quibbles authori-

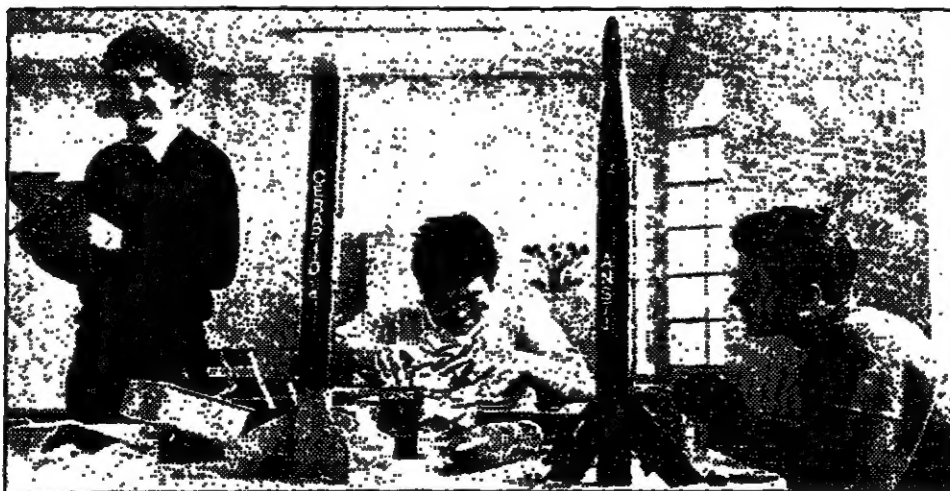
ties might have about teenage rocket launching. Each project is carried out in several stages.

"First the club frames a proposal on a design and outlines who will do what job," says Patrick Hebert, aged 17, who helped to design the Cerapad 16. "Then the group must prove mathematically that the rocket and fins will give stable flight and compute the trajectory." Finally, CNES visits clubs and carries out stringent tests on each rocket. If it is approved, a place is reserved for launching in August at Mourmelon.

Cerapad 16, which cost about £500, was built with money from financial institutions, a school and the local authority. But not all clubs need this type of sponsorship. Many school groups can build and launch a rocket as part of the Ministry of Education's Action Education project.

A rocket weekend at Mourmelon is a strange mixture. There are long periods of waiting, interrupted with brief moments of intense excitement. Safety arrangements are like those at any major launch site. At any moment, if any of the CNES representatives is unhappy with conditions, a launch is halted. "Everything must be perfect for a flight," Hebert says. "We often work all night and everyone gets tired and worried. We always have problems just before a launch."

French promotion of space does not end with the rocket clubs. The Channel 3 television station runs a "space club" and next Easter a "space



High fliers: a group of French youngsters near Paris working on their latest rocket designs

camp" will open at Toulouse-Blagnac. Initiated by the French astronaut Patrick Baudry, it will provide courses on rocketry, spacecraft and the benefits of space. "There will be simulators of all kinds," Baudry says. "An air-cushioned platform will mimic the weightlessness of space. Kids will quickly learn that you have to anchor yourself to do any kind of work." And the camp is only the start. It will be the centre of a network of space bases in different regions of France.

The enthusiasm shown by French teenagers for space would seem to be shared by their British counterparts. But are the British getting the support they need? One of our greatest handicaps is that few British leaders have any kind of technological background. The Ecole Polytechnique in Paris is a military-style college turning out graduates with a high-technology background. If you look round the room at any major French space policy meeting, more than half the people present will be graduates of L'Ecole Polytechnique.

**'The children must raise the money to build their own hardware'**

When a new Government comes to power, the hefty French support for space comes under intense scrutiny. The decision is always the same — spending on space will more than pay for itself with work for industry.

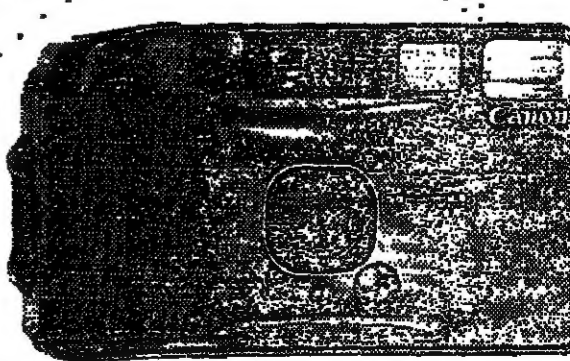
In Britain many teenagers would like to launch rockets. Some, such as Alan Bond, the designer of the Hotol air-breathing rocket engine, were prevented by the authorities when they applied for launch permission. That situation is changing, however. Last month seven schoolchildren from Acton High School, west London, launched a rocket at the Ministry of Defence Shoeburyness firing range. Power-

ed by a gunpowder motor, the rocket rose to more than 500ft. Acton School has been active in space projects. It has requested a slot for an experiment on a Soviet satellite and has time booked in the European Olympus communications satellite.

To encourage British children who want to start a rocket club, CNES has now offered to support the building and launching of British rockets at Mourmelon for two years. CNES will provide engineering support, the rocket motor, launch facilities and a transmitter. In effect, the British will be treated just like any French club. A group of children from Acton will visit Mourmelon this month to see how the French do things and a British mini-rocket could be launched next summer... if there are British sponsors.

Interested groups are asked to write to: Guy Pignolet, Relations Publique — Jeunesse, Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales, 2 Place Maurice Quentin, 75039 Paris Cedex 01, France.

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# TIMES DIARY

RICHARD BASSETT

While Mrs Thatcher's already delayed visit to Poland this autumn continues to be in doubt because of the authorities' reluctance to allow her to meet Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, it becomes clearer by the day that Thatcherism and an inefficient communist economy are by no means as incompatible as one might think.

From modest terraces in Fulham to the grand residences of Kensington Square, Polish carpenters are at work performing for a fraction of the price work once the preserve of local "craftsmen". Such is the demand for the Polish modestly priced skills that all Warsaw-London flights this summer have been booked out weeks ahead. As most of the carpenters' hard currency earnings end up in the Polish government's highly profitable foreign currency shops, it seems churlish of Warsaw to allow a little thing like the Prime Minister's itinerary to obstruct a relationship of such obvious mutual benefit.

In Hungary, whose leader, Károly Grösz, is a self-confessed "Thatcherite", such stickiness would not arise. There, the problem at the moment, judging by the alertness of the Hungarian customs, is how to prevent English bookshelves carrying off large supplies of absurdly underpriced antiquarian books from Budapest's numerous secondhand bookshops.

Antiquarian bookshops in Eastern Europe have long provided eccentric volumes to delight the collector. Where else would one find a first edition of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, stamped "Prisoners of war library Stalag VIII"?

There are also old *Baedekers* and, in Budapest, a seemingly endless supply of John Buchan, Sapper and Dornford Yates thrillers, confirmation, if needed, of the Hungarians' inherent sense of adventure.

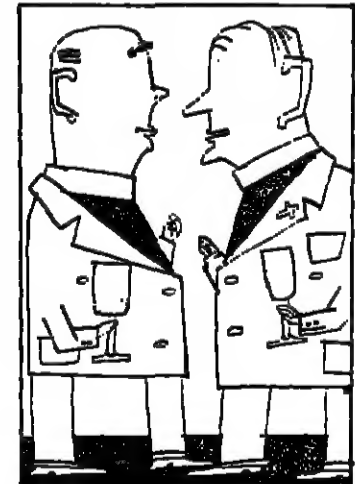
By far the most amusing book to be regularly found in Buda must be a first edition of Richard Osborne's *Clubland Heroes*, a spirited account of Richard Hannay and other Buchanan men's earliest days. The first edition is a particular prize because of a chapter mysteriously absent in later editions — on "The British Secret Service".

This includes an encounter soon after the Second World War with a "real" British agent who reveals: "You may think my work glamorous, but all I do is collect information. The army moves in and before I know what is happening half my agents are commandeered, the other half are arrested..."

This seems to tell us more about the organization of the British intelligence services than anything in *Spycatcher*.

On the subject of intelligence, it was Captain Vernon Kell, first head of the Secret Service, who admitted that intelligence was "chiefly a question of train spotting". What would he have made then of the intriguing footnote on page 491 of the latest Thomas Cook European railway timetable which dryly discloses: "The Varna and Karpaty, Warsaw to Sofia expresses hitherto run via the Soviet Union, are now directed by a much longer route through Czechoslovakia and Hungary." It is no doubt only a coincidence that the area avoided at the expense of inflicting eight hours' delay on the traveller contains the combined Soviet command of the Warsaw Pact at Lvov. It also encompasses the Soviet Union's principal frontier with its increasingly isolated ally, Romania.

BARRY FANTONI



... as the actor said to the bishop

Railway timetables of course have other uses and it is some time now since devout Catholics exchanged their *Almanach de Gotha* for a Balkan timetable furnishing details of the run to Medjugorje, the pilgrimage village in Bosnia-Herzegovina where the Virgin Mary is reported to appear each evening. Since the first visions were recorded some years ago, Medjugorje has become the most visited place in Yugoslavia, but now, in the northern province of Slovenia, a rival seems to be establishing itself.

Last month, a statue of the Virgin at the village of Strahovichi "addressed" some Slovene farmers. Within a few days, bio-energy students measured "sixteen times more energy" coming from the statue than readings taken in Medjugorje. Already travel agents in neighbouring areas of Italy are planning tours of this new *terra sacra*.

Though the journey there cannot compete with the unforgettable bone-shaking rail trip for Sarajevo to Mostar, the morning bus from Ljubljana deposits one at Strahovichi in half the time. Pilgrims will be relieved to know that so far only one shop is selling replicas of the talking Madonna.

Slovenia also has the advantage over Bosnia of providing some of the finest wines in the Balkans, but it is its neighbouring Hungary whose Tokay remains the "king of wines, wine of kings", and which is now enjoying a welcome revival. As well as returning — for the first time in 50 years — to the venerable wine merchants in St James's, the celebrated *essencia*, capable, if Tacitus is to be believed, of restoring a dying emperor, is in greater supply this year than for many years past. Most, said to be destined for America where demand is increasing for a drink which, its nectar-like quality aside, several New York gynaecologists claim to be a potent cure for infertility.

"Didn't the Army have it coming to them?" one broadcaster actually asked an "expert" on the day of the Mill Hill bombing. The implication was that last security might somehow have been the cause of the murder of one man and the serious injury of several others.

The same line has been pursued throughout the media. Television coverage of the latest IRA attack has been obsessed with the idea that security was the essential problem. This has been reinforced by the statements of government officials promising security reviews and by the "we've been telling them for years" comments of the local residents sought out by television crews. There seemed to be a need to pin the blame on something visible.

Yet the real lesson of Mill Hill is that terrorists will choose a soft target when other options are made more difficult. This has also been shown by the attacks on off-duty servicemen in Germany and Holland and the senseless slaughter aboard the Greek cruise liner City of Poros. As we tighten up on some targets, terrorists move elsewhere. We cannot tighten up on every-

thing. Even if the impossible was achieved and every military installation in Britain was made impregnable, there would still remain an infinite variety of other possibilities.

And what of the social cost? Separating our professional army further from the community plays into the terrorists' hands. The same may be said of any measures which distort our society and indiscriminately inconvenience its citizens. It is just the sort of reaction the terrorists seek to provoke; one may read all about it in the works of Lenin and other revolutionary theorists. The purpose of terrorism is to terrorize, to create psychological casualties who will exert pressure on their government. Any response to terrorism which increases the number of psychological victims needs to be scrutinized very carefully.

"Increase security" has become the simplistic reaction to every act of terror. First because it is a relatively easy line for the broadcast media to explore, fitting easily into the structure of their programmes. Second, because it is also the easiest public response for those in government, who are under pressure not only to act but to be seen to act quickly.

So what can be done that would be effective? Prudence dictates that there is a need for considerable permanent security on high-risk targets. Yet this need not be highly visible — a covert approach is far less disruptive.

The crucial problem of maintaining any security screen is human motivation. Achieving this requires imagination rather than money. Meanwhile a whole new industry has grown up,

feeding off the anxiety caused by terrorism. This industry offers all sorts of high-tech fixes, not just to governments but to anyone infected by the anti-terrorism fad. Needless to say, the products are extremely expensive and they are often of dubious practical use.

The main emphasis in the real war against terrorism has to be on the intelligence front. Permanent security is only in place as insurance when everything else fails. Intelligence is dependent on the widespread penetration of the enemy's organization. Brave men have already achieved this in the case of the IRA. Indeed, it is easily forgotten in all the publicity about Mill Hill that the intelligence services have been remarkably effective in protecting mainland Britain from terrorist attack during the last four years. However, after Mill Hill,

it is clear that an even more dynamic and aggressive covert policy may be called for.

A former special forces officer notes: "Options are limited. There is a lot of debate about perimeter security following Mill Hill. But, apart from not curing the problem, I doubt if the public would be willing to foot the bill for increasing it substantially. A better option is to destroy terrorists at source. Even that only buys time."

Terrorism is a challenge to liberal democracy. However prudent the precautions we take there will inevitably be times when the terrorists break through. That is the bitter pill we have to accept. Currently, the public are being led to believe that technical solutions are possible when they are not. That misinformation is destructive. A new initiative is required.

Michael Yardley on the lessons of the Mill Hill bombing

## Security is not enough

Conor Cruise O'Brien

## Getting together for peace



The responsibility for it lies squarely on the shoulders of the media. To date, they have been presenting terrorism, particularly on television, as theatrical drama. Unfortunately, their coverage has real consequences. For example the call for increased security doesn't attack the real problem, but politicians ignore the illusion at their peril.

Thus a popular base for increasingly repressive measures is being created. Identity cards, and random searches, may all too easily become part of our future. The prospect will make terrorists rub their hands with glee.

The best weapon against terrorism is awareness. As we are all potential victims, we all have a responsibility to increase our awareness. We need to be aware of the political aims of the terrorists, of the psychology of their methods, and that the chance of any individual becoming the victim of a terrorist attack is minute. If we are willing to continue taking that small risk, we can also continue living in a familiar society.

The author, a former army officer, is writing a book on terrorism.

The United Nations is enjoying its most hopeful phase since the brief euphoria when it was founded 42 years ago.

The Secretary General, Mr Pérez de Cuellar, is in a stronger position than that attained by any of his predecessors. This was demonstrated last week when the five permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States — individually brought pressure to bear on Baghdad and Tehran in support of his efforts to end the Gulf War in accordance with Security Council Resolution 598.

Seldom has any secretary general enjoyed genuinely unanimous support from the permanent members, even when trying to implement a resolution for which they had all voted. Indeed, I believe that their explicit and active support for his efforts to implement 598 is unprecedented in UN history.

The Secretary General's enhanced role is a result of the general improvement in relations between the major powers: not only the *rapprochement* between the Soviet Union and the Western powers, mainly symbolized in the public mind by the Washington and Moscow summits, but also between the Soviet Union and China and between the West and China.

If the big-power consensus can be maintained — and it is a big "if" — the Security Council can become a very different and much more formidable animal than it has been hitherto. It can become, in fact, the kind of animal the founders of the UN intended it to be: a body capable of forceful intervention, in the collective interest, where a common threat is perceived. The charter envisaged, and still envisages, the creation of a military staffs committee, providing the Security Council with "teeth".

During the long years when members of the Security Council were so often engaged in baring their teeth at one another, the idea of a military staffs committee came to be regarded as a dead letter, a verbal vestige of a vision which had failed. But in these times when Soviet and American top brass are paying friendly visits to each other's country, the idea of a military

staffs committee, responsible to the Security Council, is no longer altogether out of the question. If such machinery had existed, the Gulf war might have been nipped in the bud soon after it started, and millions of lives would have been saved.

There is no doubt that Gorbachev wants the UN to develop along these general lines. Such a concept of the United Nations fits in not only with Soviet thinking about the role of the UN but with Gorbachev's personal commitment to improve relations between the superpowers, and to embody those improved relations in institutions.

On the American side, commitment to consensus stops well short of support for a significantly enhanced role for the United Nations, and is likely to go on stopping short at least as long as a Republican is in the White House.

Right-wing Republicans, in my experience, dislike the United Nations much more than they do the Soviet Union. The Russians are dangerous brutes, but they are a bulking fact of international life and you have to do some kind of business with them. The UN, on the other hand, is seen as an elaborate confidence trick, perpetrated by American liberals wittingly or unwittingly serving Soviet interests. If you are imprudent enough to mention the UN to a Republican of this stamp the following stream of consciousness is likely to burst forth: "The New Deal, Roosevelt, both Franklin and Eleanor, Yalta, Alger Hiss, American traitors, Russian spies in New York."

As long as that sort of stuff continues to rumble round in the subconscious of their party, neither Reagan nor Bush is likely to want a conspicuously enhanced role for the UN. Security Council consensus, yes, where possible, but without precluding unilateral action by the United States when judged necessary by the US administration. No potential supranational role for the United Nations. No military staffs committee.

All the same, the significance of the Security Council is likely to grow, though slowly, even

under a Bush administration, as long as a high degree of super-power consensus continues to exist. The din of adversarial propaganda which has so long filled the halls of the United Nations will die down — at least at the level of the major powers. People will have more time to think about long and mid-term common interests, as distinct from short-term advantage for one side. Not too bad a prospect.

Michael Dukakis, if elected in November, is likely to be willing to go some way — not all the way — with Gorbachev in enhancing the authority of the Security

Council. Dukakis doesn't really have too much to lose on this one, politically speaking. Americans who hate the Democrats already hate the Democrats. Indeed, one of their strongest reasons for hating the UN is that they see it as an invention of New Deal Democrats.

True, many of today's Democrats know and care very little about the United Nations. But there is one sizeable section of the great Democratic coalition which cares quite a lot about it: the upper middle class white liberals in the cities, small towns and campuses of the North East

and Midwest. Of course, these people already vote Democrat. But an appropriate emphasis on an enhanced role for the UN could well bring in campaign workers and campaign contributions from that section. So increased support for the UN is a practical option for the Democrats much more than for the Republicans.

Either way, Mr Pérez de Cuellar now has a "window of opportunity" such as was opened to none of his predecessors. It remains to be seen what use he will be able to make of it.

He has been contrasted, to his disadvantage, with the most brilliant and conspicuous of his predecessors, Dag Hammarskjöld. In fact, the low-key approach adopted by Pérez fits the real possibilities opened to a secretary general better than Hammarskjöld's approach. High and splendid was the Hammarskjöld style, but high also was the hubris which inspired it.

Hammarskjöld, towards the end, acted as if a secretary general could dispense with superpower consensus and become an autonomous force in international affairs. He publicly snubbed one of the superpowers, in September 1960, from the podium of the General Assembly and from that moment inevitably became the prisoner of the other. None of his successors has been tempted to follow that example.

Pérez de Cuellar's tasks must now be to explore the limits of consensus, in relation to particular matters and at particular times; to work within those limits, and at the same time to seek to extend them gradually; to be a servant, and at the same time a manager, of consensus. He has a style suitable for that role, and unless consensus itself breaks down for reasons beyond the control of any secretary general, he should have a good chance of success.

The more "idealistic" among those concerned about the future of the UN are not likely to be altogether happy about what is now taking shape. The emphasis on the Security Council and on great-power consensus will seem to them "elitist". The diminished role of the General Assembly, which must follow from consensus in the Security Council, is something which they will deprecate, as shutting out the Third World nations from decision making.

There is something in that second objection. Yet objections pale in comparison with the great fact that the world becomes a safer place, for everyone in it, once the major powers are no longer contending in every region of the world, to do one another down. There are dangers in consensus, but they seem a lot less than the dangers which flow from lack of it.

Commentary • TONY BLAIR

## Rally behind the poor

Most of us get a pop-up toaster or tea maker; if lucky, a slap-up office party. Sir Robert Crichton-Brown, left, Rothmans shareholder, receiving £750,000 better off just for saving good-bye. This was on top of a salary last year of almost £300,000, share options worth a reputed £800,000 and a £140,000 contribution to his pension. No wonder that even to the Institute of Directors this seemed a trifle over the top. No doubt there will be those, particularly fellow directors eager to set a precedent, who will defend it by saying how he "earned" every penny. But the personnel manager could well run into trouble when next he meets the trade unions to discuss wage moderation.

In fact, it is a little unfair to single out Sir Robert. The amount may be spectacular but the practice of six-figure "golden goodbyes" is fast becoming the norm for top directors.

Sir Robert's pay-off contrasts starkly with the impact in the North of the Government's social fund, set up in April to replace special payments for those on supplementary benefit. On the one hand, unbridled greed; on the other, unmet need. The two provide a snapshot of Britain today.

According to the Government, the fund is essential to reduce "the dependency culture" of the poor. Previously those on supplementary benefit had been able to obtain special one-off grants for essential items such as cookers, carpets, beds, etc. These grants had already been greatly reduced in 1987-88.

Now, claimants can apply to the fund for either a loan or a grant. The loans, we were told at the outset, were to make up 70 per cent of the expenditure, and grants 30 per cent. Ministers repeatedly stated during a heated debate that the overall level of money available would be roughly equivalent to the £210 million paid out in grants in the last financial year.

Parliament was misled. The report just out — an analysis of the 33 DHSS offices in the Northern Region — compares grants and loans paid in May and June 1988 with the same period last year under the old system. The results are staggering and should shame those responsible.

In May 1987, under the old system, there were more than 16,000 single payments totalling £1.1 million. In May 1988, under the social fund, there were 409 grants and 4,341 loans, totalling £37,000 and £350,000 respectively. In June the figures were 3,000 grants and 4,000 loans, totalling £37,000 and £350,000 respectively.

Overall, several features of the social fund stand out. First, the availability of grants is now very limited. In effect, claimants are eligible only when the grant is for "community care," i.e. looking after an elderly or disabled person.

Second, the 30 per cent figure given by ministers now looks ludicrously optimistic. The regional average for May 1988 was less than 9 per cent.

So, essential items must be applied for by way of a loan. But here is the dilemma. Many of those who need help to buy essential items are too poor to repay a loan. DHSS officers are instructed that loans must not be made unless the borrower is satisfied that claimants can meet the repayments. So some of the most desperate people are excluded from assistance: eligible neither for grants because their requirement does not fit the new definition of community care, nor loans because of poverty.

The report also shows enormous disparities between the practices of individual DHSS offices. In Ashington, for example, more than 95 per cent of grant applications succeed; in Newcastle West barely 20 per cent. The average amounts awarded also vary greatly, from more than £350 to less than £15.

There is a tendency to think this "other Britain" is confined to the unemployed or social security claimants. But it extends much further, including the millions in work but very lowly paid. For example, a survey by the Northern Region Low Pay Unit of nearly 5,000 full-time employees showed that half earn less than £100 for a 40-hour week with overtime, sometimes compulsory. Even those covered by wages councils often fare little better. Almost 40 per cent of workplaces visited by the Northern Wages Council Inspectorate last year were underpaying their workers illegally.

To the ranks of the low paid are added the growing numbers of temporary and part-time staff. By the very nature of their

employment these workers are easy to exploit and barely represented by trade unions.

To such as these — the pensioner struggling to save for the winter's fuel bill, the mother denied help to feed or clothe her children, the average worker's official talk of the economy "overheating" and the need to restrain consumption must seem like a strange fantasy thought up to torment them. Yet without the support of middle-income Britain their case will not be heard inside government.

Middle-income Britain must now be pondering hard the lessons of the Budget. For the young couple buying a house in the South or East Anglia the higher interest they must now pay on their huge mortgage will have wiped out any gain in tax cuts. They may well reflect that, in the long run, a properly funded Health Service and adequately maintained schools would also have been cheaper.

The £2 billion devoted to reducing the top rate of tax from 60 to 40 per cent now looks not just socially indecent — for £800 million there have been no losers in either the social fund or the other social security changes — but financially undesirable for all but the most well off.

If middle-income Britain were suddenly to feel that, contrary to the illusion so carefully fostered by the Tories, their interests in reality came a poor second to the those of the wealthy, the political landscape would shift quite dramatically. For the poor, they cannot turn too soon.

The author is Labour MP for Seaford.

AUGUST 3 ON THIS DAY 1936



Given the unpredictability of aircraft engines of the time, Louis Blériot's flight across the English Channel in 1909 was a daring venture by a man of vision and enterprise.

### M LOUIS BLÉRIOT

A great pioneer of aviation

Louis Blériot, who died on Saturday in Paris at the age of 64, owed his spectacular success in the early days of flying and his disappointments in later years to the quality of courageous impatience which drove him to seek the realization of his ideas before the world was ready to support him.

When he flew the Channel in 1909, other pilots including himself had flown farther, and it was evident that ultimately the aeroplane would rob islands of their isolation and make speed-tracks across oceans, but the engine of that day was not trustworthy enough to make flight over water anything but a hazardous affair. In the same year Latham fell into the Channel; the following year Lomax had to swim to safety in the Irish Sea.

In his middle period Blériot could never resist the temptation to try new ideas, and by the end of the War he had built at least 40 different types of aeroplane, but had found a market for few of them. In 1927 he drew up a set of plans for a regular air mail service between Paris and New York by way of the Azores.

He began his career in aircraft construction and flying by spending the money he had made from an earlier invention. He ended by losing some of the money which

flying had brought him in an attempt to send the aeroplane on more and more difficult errands. When he died, his business was floundering to improve once more. He was building fighters for the French Air Force. Few aircraft designers have been so caught in the romantic spell of flying. Blériot, with his vivid imagination, was utterly engrossed in the aeroplane from its earliest days. As early as 1896 he began building aeroplanes and carrying out aeronomical experiments, and the income he derived from his invention in that year of a searchlight for motor-cars fed by current from a generator driven off the motor-car engine served to finance his experiments.

In 1906 the new science had taken such a hold of him that he founded an aeroplane factory at Issy-les-Moulineaux, the first in France. Soon afterwards he flew, first in short hops and then more confidently. In October, 1908, he set off on a cross-country flight in one of his monoplanes, taking chances, as he did on his Channel flight the following year, which could only be justified by success. That flight, with an intermediate landing, took him a distance of nearly 60 miles.

The spirit of the man is revealed in such adventures. The genesis of that rash Channel flight is clear. It was said that Blériot, like Latham, would be flown into the sea had he not passed through a shower of rain, which cooled his little three-cylinder engine just as it was beginning to show signs of distress. It was also said that on that memorable day the engine lasted only just long enough to enable him to clear the cliffs at Dover in his little contraption and to land in the North Foreland meadow. That risky flight made Blériot famous beyond anything he did later in life.

There are a number of other words...

The Queen will today... street to mark the anniversary of the modern hospital... allowed to die in peace... for the patient and his... last days pain-free and... inevitable. The need... at St Christopher's... London, is accepted... financing it are not...

The need is clear... inadequate hospital... death. The relatives... dying in many cases... The staff were often... to cure. For them even... success is ever... A life should end peace... given in many ways... the actual death.

The 123 English hos... their success is the sh... served by 13 nurses, e... weeks, which in the S... More of the patients p... year the direct contri... of the 102 hospices no... is around £3 m... which is spent on staff... In direct grants an... with local health au... receive less than one-t... from the NHS. The re...





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## A GLOOMY VIEW

The long parliamentary recess began with confidence in the Government's economic strategy not as complete as ministers would wish. MORI's latest poll shows a further increase in the number of people who think the economic outlook is getting worse and demonstrates a change of mood during June and July. For the first time since February last year more people last month thought things were getting worse than getting better.

Whether or not the saloon bar view of economic prospects is the right one the Government cannot afford to ignore it. Economics is not like physics where the outcome of any series of events is determinable with some certainty. Prospects for the economy are influenced to a large extent by the interaction with them of people's perceptions. Even more important to a politician, changes in economic perceptions are closely correlated with changes in voting intentions.

The Chancellor's end-of-term letter to Government backbenchers put the best possible face on the situation. As Mr Lawson rightly pointed out the economy has been growing at a higher rate for a longer period than it has for many years. Tax rates are down, productivity is up and unemployment has been falling rapidly from its peak. But at the same time inflation is rising and seems unlikely to turn down again much before the middle of next year, and the balance of payments is moving deeply into deficit.

The loss of confidence in the Government's strategy should not be exaggerated. Although MORI's sample of voters are a little gloomier, investors in long-dated gilt-edged seem remarkably unperturbed. Though long yields edged up slightly during the spring they have remained unchanged at about 9% per cent since before base rates began their climb over the past two months. There is no evidence here of any anxiety that the underlying rate of inflation is rising or that the Government has lost control of its economic strategy. People's mouths, it seems, are not in quite the same place as their money.

## PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Slowly and by no means surely, Britain's relations with Iran are looking up. Both sides recently agreed terms over damage compensation for their embassies. Now the Foreign Office is dispatching a diplomat to "test the water" with a view to re-staffing its mission to Tehran. This development deserves a cautious welcome.

The relationship reached its lowest point a year ago when the head of the British mission was kidnapped and beaten up by official thugs. Since then any friendly approaches by either Government towards the other have been met with understandable suspicion. For one thing, people have recoiled from the mullahs' record of intolerance and cruelty. For another, there has been the fear of an underhand deal to secure the release of hostages. The fiasco of the United States's intrigue has given all Western initiatives a bad name.

But two things have now happened to warm the diplomatic climate. One is Iran's acceptance of UN resolution 598, which should ultimately lead to a ceasefire in the Gulf War. The other is the apparent ascendancy of a moderate, pragmatic faction in Tehran. While it would be foolish to presume too much too soon, there are signs that the Iranians genuinely want peace.

The change has not been entirely voluntary. A string of defeats at the hands of Iraq in the Gulf War has sapped the morale of all but the most fanatical in Tehran. Moreover the economic prospects are increasingly gloomy. Declining oil revenue together with a continuing need to buy arms, has led to a foreign exchange crisis, worsening shortages in the shops, a flourishing black market and fresh debts.

Iran in other words, needs not only peace but friends. Given the rapid deterioration in its economy and the erosion of revolutionary zeal, it is hardly in any position to dictate terms. On the other hand, Britain's refusal to treat with terrorists, has given it a moral as well as political advantage.

There are a number of reasons why one

The reason for this underlying confidence is that the Government has already done much of what is needed. The rise in base rates and mortgage rates will help to slow the rate of economic growth to a more sustainable level. The damping down of demand will reduce the risk of inflationary supply bottlenecks in industry. This freer supply of goods will also help to stem the tide of imports by being able to meet a greater proportion of the already reduced demand. Some slowdown in the economy is a necessary adjunct to Mr Lawson's ingenious attempts to explain away the rise in the current account deficit as of no economic concern.

This tightening of monetary policy must be supported by continued firmness in fiscal policy. The prospective rise in inflation will make it more difficult to stick to the cash totals set out in previous plans for public spending. But it is essential for the Government to avoid any hint of relaxation in fiscal policy at a time when so much is being demanded of monetary policy. Fiscal policy is not set simply by deciding on spending, but an increase in spending totals for the third year running would give all the wrong signals. Though the autumn spending round will be a difficult one the aim should be to stick close to the totals.

Even more important if the weakening of confidence is to be reversed is to clear up the sense of confusion over monetary and exchange rate policy. This will not be achieved overnight. The all-too-public disagreement between the Chancellor and the Prime Minister earlier this year has sowed seeds of uncertainty which will bloom if they are not killed off. Yesterday's reserves figures for July, indicating substantial intervention to restrain the rise in sterling, will do nothing to clear the fog. Markets have come to accept a degree of pragmatism in the conduct of the Government's economic policy and this will help to allay fears about the latest swerves in policy. But the battle against inflation will not be won while uncertainty remains about the weapons with which it is being fought.

should welcome a better relationship with Iran. The first is the opportunity for trade. The flow of business between London and Tehran has never completely dried up. Even in 1987, the year when relations between the countries froze, Britain still sold more than £300 million worth of exports to Iran, importing only £187 million worth in return. But 10 years ago, just before the revolution and two years before the Gulf War, the exports figure was more than twice as high.

Moreover, most of Iran's current debts are short-term, unlike those of Iraq, which has bought and borrowed heavily to support its Gulf War effort. Iran, diplomatically almost isolated, has had to barter crude oil for arms. When peace finally breaks out Iran could find itself better off than Iraq.

The second reason has to do with geopolitics. Iran's size and geographical position, standing between the Soviet Union and the Gulf, has long attracted the interest of the big powers. It explains why both Britain and the United States were anxious to build up Iran under the Shah as a Western surrogate. It explains too why this country, despite the recent bilateral crises, has been careful never to sever the relationship.

The third reason, it must be said, concerns the three British hostages in Lebanon. It must remain unthinkable that Britain would treat with terrorists, or agree to terms should they be demanded by Tehran. But the release of those held captive is more likely when relations have improved. Indeed, it is hard to see how relations can be normalized until the hostages have been released. It would therefore be disingenuous for either side to pretend that the two are unconnected.

One's welcome for this week's news must still be guarded. The Tehran Government remains volatile and unstable and its history is one of violence and hostility. But Britain cannot turn its back on progress or lose sight of where its interests ultimately lie. The Government's signal must be this: proceed with caution.

## CARE OF THE DYING

The Queen will today visit a leafy suburban street to mark the official 21st birthday of the first of the modern hospices, where people are allowed to die in peace, where the only concern is for the patient and the family: to make the last days pain-free and help the family face the inevitable. The need for the hospice movement, started 21 years ago by Cicely Saunders at St Christopher's in Sydenham, South London, is accepted. The practicalities of financing it are not.

The need is clear. A report from the King Edward VII Fund last month showed how inadequate hospitals were in dealing with death. The relatives were often ignored; the dying in many cases were allowed no dignity. The staff were often no help. Their purpose is to cure. For them every death is a failure. In a hospice, success is measured rather differently. A life should end peacefully with the relatives — treated in many ways as patients themselves — given all possible support, often months after the actual death.

The 123 English hospices have no operating theatres, no diagnostic facilities. The key to their success is the skilled medical care and intensive nursing: each patient is usually served by 1.3 nurses. The average stay is three weeks, which in the South-east costs £2,750. Most of the patients pay nothing: in a typical year the direct contribution from them is around £15,000. The annual cost, at the larger of the 102 hospices not totally funded by the NHS, is around £3 million, £2.5 million of which is spent on staff.

In direct grants and individual contracts with local health authorities, most hospices receive less than one-third of their total costs from the NHS. The rest is in donations. The

nurses are crucial to the hospices: without them the movement would collapse. Hospice nurses do not go on strike, they rarely protest. They are now in danger of being forgotten as the district health authorities come to terms with the national pay review.

The Government originally failed to recognize the impact this would have on the hospices but when pressed took the view that, as voluntary organizations, they had to fight for their money. It was up to them whether they paid their nurses the national award. Now the attitude has softened with local health authorities being asked to take the pay awards into consideration when deciding how much they will pay the hospices. Currently, the Government seems to have ruled out any extra money.

But perhaps they should look at the way in which the hospices have to bid for support as the local health authorities deal out their money. With few exceptions the hospices use volunteers wherever possible to provide their non-professional needs. Industry and business contribute on a large scale and relatives make donations. The most established run courses to pass on their expertise but are reluctant to charge commercial rates for fear of turning away the very people they need to help.

If money is not found to finance the nurses' pay, some of even the most dedicated may leave: a loss none of the hospices can afford. At present the hospices have to compete for their money against other hospitals in the area, other special needs. Most hospices are an integral part of the local community. Their needs would be better met if, while keeping their independence, they could be considered, as the essential part of civilized care they are.

## Closer control of gazumping

From Mr D. M. L. Bruges  
Sir, I read with interest your leader on the evils of gazumping (July 26) and absolutely agree that it is a detestable practice, thoroughly un-British. It would be nice to feel that in this country a man's word was his bond. I do not, however, believe that it is possible to legislate against it. Mr Martin's Bill, as you rightly deduced, would necessitate every vendor serving up a full structural survey on his property. This sounds feasible but in fact is likely to prove totally impractical.

As it is, fewer and fewer surveys are prepared to conduct full structural surveys for a specific individual purchaser on account of the enormous liability this incurs. The professional indemnity insurance is crippling. But, were the survey thrown open to all and sundry to rely upon, his liability would be increased tenfold and he is, surely, going to think twice before becoming involved or have to charge a prohibitively high fee.

During the 15 years I have been practising here as an estate agent we have not had a single case of gazumping. This has been achieved by adopting three simple procedures:

1. The title is checked out and local searches done by the vendor's solicitors prior to the marketing, so that these may be served up to the purchaser's solicitors without delay.

2. No offer is accepted on any property until the peak of the response to the advertising has been passed. Only if a ludicrously high offer is put forward do we break this rule. Should several people express interest, their bids are resolved by sealed tender, subject to contract.

3. A limited period of two or three weeks is then set for exchange of contracts, during which time the vendor agrees not to go for any other offer, thus giving the purchaser time to carry out a survey and have the title checked out.

The last point presumes very much upon the good will of the vendor, but it has been our experience that if, prior to marketing, this point is discussed, most people wholeheartedly endorse the ethic.

I conclude, therefore, that the ability to stop gazumping is very much in the hand of the estate agent and does not warrant legislation.

Yours faithfully,  
M. BRUGES,  
Humber's (chartered surveyors),  
10 St Mary Street,  
Chippinham, Wiltshire.  
July 29.

## Hormones in milk

From Mr Malvin Drummond  
Sir, Your leader (July 23), "A dishonest pinta", concerning the trials of bovine somatotrophin (BST) has provoked confused indignation from Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. In his reply (July 29) he has felt it necessary to spell out the minutes of the Veterinary Products Committee, but he has not answered the principal point that there are consumers who just do not want milk from BST-excited cows, however safe or commercially elegant.

As a farmer producing and retailing our own milk, I know that an increasing number of our customers are worried about BST. It is only the small retail dairies like ours that can guarantee that our cows have not been BST-doctored.

A combination of BST inducement and the quota system will encourage more farmers to turn to retailing, where quality is seen as more important than quantity. That can only be better for the consumer.

Those of us who can should follow your leader and make a point of using the slogan "An honest pinta".

Yours faithfully,  
MALVIN DRUMMOND,  
The Manor of Cadland,  
Cadland House,  
Fawley,  
Southampton, Hampshire.  
July 29.

## Back in the fold

From Sir Gordon Cox  
Sir, Eight of Arthur Cox's "thankful villages" (letter, August 1) were in my native Somerset. One of them was the parish of Woolley, which at the time of the First World War contained 13 houses; it sent 13 men to the war, and 13 came back. Lucky numbers?

Yours truly,  
E. G. COX,  
117 Hampstead Way, NW11.  
August 1.

## 'Leaner' levels

From the Headmaster of The King's School, Worcester  
Sir, The Higginson report on the future of A levels recently proposed that five "leaner" subjects should replace the current norm of three A-level subjects at sixth-form level. Having read the report, I am delighted by the very wide consensus which it shows in favour of widening the sixth-form curriculum, and even more sorry than I was at the time that the Government immediately rejected this proposal.

The Government have put their weight behind AS levels as they are effectively excluding that subject as an option for a degree course. Thus the supposed widening is in fact a narrowing for anyone whose

## Seamen's leader answers back

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Seamen  
Sir, Perhaps I am just "an honest old union thicket" (Bernard Levin, August 1), but I am not so stupid or naive as to believe that the law is always enforced with uniform consistency or fairness.

I invite Mr Levin to visit NUS headquarters and I will refer him to sections of merchant shipping Acts and relevant statutory instruments dealing with maritime safety. He can then consider whether it is right that P&O should escape prosecution for a disaster which cost the lives of nearly 200 people and for which the company has been held to blame by the official inquiry.

I will also explain to him the rights and wrongs of the dispute with P&O in Dover. He would then be able to draw comparisons between P&O's treatment under the law and the way that the NUS has had to endure £1 million in fines and legal costs, the seizure of all its funds and property, eviction from its offices, and even the stopping of monthly old age benefit to retired seamen. Our "crime" was to refuse to tell members not to withdraw their labour in anger at an outrage being

committed by P&O against fellow merchant seamen in Dover.

I could also speculate with him on what he would have thought, hypothetically of course, about a ferry called the Herald of Socialist Collectivism which had been owned by a left-wing trade union and which had sunk with massive loss of life. Despite being officially blamed for the disaster, this fictitious union would have escaped prosecution with the support of the governing Labour Party (who were about to receive a record political donation from that same union) and then, against the wishes of its workforce, would have imposed manning cuts throughout the rest of its already profitable fleet and required crews to work longer hours for the same or less pay.

I somehow feel that Mr Levin would not have had "no views worth expressing" about a six-month strike by over 900 of that workforce.

Yours faithfully,  
SAM McCLUSKIE,  
General Secretary,  
National Union of Seamen,  
Maritime House,  
Old Town,  
Clapham, SW4.  
August 2.

## Remedies for 'greenhouse' effect

From Dr G. de Q. Robin

Sir, In these days of glamor and disarmament, surely a part of the resources devoted to military security could be diverted to international studies of problems threatening all nations on our planet? Many resources used for defence, such as satellites, ships and aircraft can speed up environmental studies dramatically.

For example, on one eight-hour flight over Antarctica, teams from the Scott Polar Research Institute have collected more information on the thickness and form of the ice sheet than was acquired in a whole season by ground traverse parties during the International Geophysical Year. Our group has flown over 500,000km of profiling over Antarctica since 1967 in C-130 aircraft operated by the US Navy under the US National Science Foundation.

In the same way as cooperation in Antarctica under the Antarctic Treaty has replaced the friction of 1943 to 1956 with effective collaboration, use of military resources to increase knowledge of our own planet could help to solve the problem of rising sea level through peaceful international co-operation.

We need to do this soon, and rapidly enough to learn what action can be taken in relation to "greenhouse" effects in order to avoid their worst consequences. We already seem too late to prevent the ozone hole over Antarctica. Other problems are less clear cut, and the first definite confirmation of their effects may

not appear high above an unpopulated continent.

Yours faithfully,  
GORDON DE Q. ROBIN  
(Director, Scott Polar Research Institute, 1958-82),  
10 Melbourne Place, Cambridge.

From Professor Emeritus B. Crossland, FRSE, FENG  
Sir, It is timely that the Presidents' Committee for the Urban Environment (July 20) have drawn attention to the problems posed by the increasing sea level resulting from the "greenhouse" effect. Though we cannot now prevent the increasingly significant effect of sea-level rises, still we should now be seriously considering what actions are required internationally to reduce the atmospheric pollution which is the basic cause of the problem.

There needs to be a drive to conserve energy by improved efficiency of utilization, such as a wider acceptance of city-wide combined heat and power schemes.

Regrettably the present Government has so far rejected the need for financial support for the development of such schemes, and it may well be that history will show that this was a shortsighted decision. Greatly improved insulation of buildings of all kinds is needed to reduce energy losses.

What is probably certain is that renewable sources of energy will be insufficient, even with greatly improved efficiency of utilization, to provide the energy requirements of our large urban communities.

Yours faithfully,  
B. CROSSLAND,  
16 Malone Court,  
Belfast 9.

## Medical advertising

From Dr I. G. Smith

Sir, "Glossy brochures will not tell a patient about a doctor's competence" (Health Page, July 21) is the one accurate statement made by the GMC about doctors and advertising.

Advertising will, however, inform the patient about the standard and range of services and facilities a doctor (or nurse or private general practitioner) has to offer. This does not give a direct indication of his clinical competence, but I would suggest that there is a connection. If nothing else, it tells the patient something about the doctor's approach to his job.

## Changes at Lindholme

From Mr John Chartres

Sir, It was as RAI Lindholme (letter, July 28) that "Lindholme Gear", which saved hundreds of lives during World War Two, was invented.

Consisting of a central air-droppable inflatable dinghy surrounded by survival packs attached by a floating rope which would wrap itself around survivors in the water, it was the brainchild of the late Group Captain (later Air Commodore) E. F. Waring, when he was station commander at Lindholme in the early 1940s. It is still in use today.

I see no reason why the Royal Air Force should not be able to reverse the names of its stations in the same way that the Royal Navy reverses those of its ships and the Army those of its regiments.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN CHARTRES,  
Sa Rivington Road,  
Hale,  
Altrincham, Cheshire.  
July 29.

## Overcrowded roads

From Mr Don McIntyre

Sir, Caroline Davis (July 25) is mistaken in believing that the night-time and weekend lorry ban in London was blocked before the GLC were abolished. The ban was introduced on January 31, 1986, and is still in operation. Those who support the ban say it has been of great benefit to the people of London. But it is no surprise that Ms Davis — and millions of her fellow Londoners — are unaware of these great benefits: there is no evidence whatever that there are any.

On the other hand, the lorry permit scheme and its attendant bureaucracy is a scandalous drain on industry's resources. The cost to industry and ratepayers is millions of pounds so far — and sadly there is no end in sight.

Yours faithfully,  
DON MCINTYRE (Controller,  
Highways and Traffic),  
Freight Transport Association,  
Hermes House, St John's Road,  
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

## Aid workers fear for Cambodians

From Mr David Bryer

Sir, Your reports (July 15, 22) that Vietnam is accelerating its troop pull-out from Cambodia and that the Khmer Rouge is establishing permanent bases in the vacated areas of the country strike very real fear into the hearts of Oxfam aid workers. In 1979 some of our staff were amongst the first to witness the horrifying results of the four-year Khmer Rouge rule. Today we run a £1 million aid programme in Cambodia.

Oxfam is very concerned that while the Khmer Rouge is building up its strength and position in Cambodia, little is being done by the international community to ensure that those who committed genocide in the recent past are prevented from doing so again.

One area where governments, including our own, could take decisive action on this issue is at the United Nations, where the Pol Pot faction of the Khmer Rouge is still seated as part of the coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea.

Surely, it is now time for the UN to review this position. Let us hope that Mrs Thatcher's discussions in Thailand next week will lead to an increased level of concern from our own Government and that in September, when the UN General Assembly meets, HM Government will take the lead in calling for the UN to end support for the Pol Pot faction, which is responsible for over one million deaths.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID BRYER  
(Oxfam Director),  
Oxford,  
274 Banbury Road, Oxford.  
July 26.

## Katyn massacre

From Lord Chelwood

Sir, With respect, your report (Parliament, July 28) of my question about the massacre in the Katyn Forest in 1940 is misleading. Some 4,500 Polish officers were murdered at Katyn by the Soviet Union (not 15,000 as you report).

Around 10,000 more Polish prisoners of war were in the camps Ostaszkov and Starobelsk. Not a trace of them has ever been found. The reason for this mass slaughter was undoubtedly to kill those middle-class Poles who would have resisted the setting up of a puppet government and Soviet occupation after the war.

There has never been any doubt that these blood-curdling crimes were the work of the Soviet Union. Yours sincerely,  
CHELWOOD,  
House of Lords.  
July 28.

## Sauce for goose?

From Mr Timothy Cantell

Sir, The Post Office made a healthy profit: it now proposes to restore Sunday collections. British Rail made a healthy profit: will it now propose to restore Boxing Day trains?

Yours faithfully,  
TIMOTHY CANTELL,  
9 Prior Park Cottages,  
Bath, Avon.  
July 27.

## A little Greek

From Mrs Catherine Stavrinou

Sir, I would agree wholeheartedly with the comments of P. Haldane (July 25).

My sons learnt "Cypriot" Greek from their father and grandmother. They learnt to read and write "Greek" Greek from an Athenian academic and now my eldest son is learning "anglicised" Greek at public school.

French and German teachers pride themselves on their accent and the oral is a vital part of the examination system and yet our children are being taught a pronunciation that is comprehensible only to other English academics.

Yours faithfully,  
CATHERINE STAVRINO,  
14 Kelross Road, NS.  
July 25.

## Romanian minority

From Dr Barbara Karolyi

Sir, May I add a comment to Woodrow Wyatt's excellent article of July 27.

The Szekely tribe, forming a large part of the Hungarian population of Transylvania, have managed to conserve their ancient and distinct traditions, folk art and music. It is their lovely music that composers Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodaly researched, and from which they borrowed themes for their own works.

Now Ceausescu is planning to bulldoze the villages of these Szekely people.

Yours faithfully,  
BARBARA KAROLYI,  
42 Drayton Gardens, SW10.  
July 29.

## Miss and mile

From Miss Margaret Edwards

Sir, This morning I received a letter from a financial consultant, who addressed me cordially as "Miss Edwards" and went on to tell me about her recent globe-trotting activities.

The next paragraph began: "Inheritance tax could be a shock to your children". The shock was mine. Does she, I wonder, know something I don't?

Yours faithfully,  
MARGARET EDWARDS,  
20 Northchurch Terrace, N1.  
July 28.











## THE ARTS

## DANCE

## Honest energy

Dance Theatre of Harlem  
London Coliseum

On Monday night Dance Theatre of Harlem opened a two-week season with a gala given to raise money for the company's scholarship fund and the Aids Crisis Trust. Two works received British premieres: *Footprints Dressed in Red*, by Garth Fagan, and *Phoenix Rising*, by Billy Wilson and the company's director, Arthur Mitchell.

Fagan's title is a mystery, since the dancers are dressed in violet and indigo. A programme note by the choreographer declares that red is the colour of blood and struggle. Certainly the dancers have to struggle in order to make sense of Fagan's eccentric and often grotesque choreography, as when the three leading women stand in arabesque while their partners jump over their raised legs. A far-sized corps de ballet is also involved in this dismal exercise, performed to an awesomely cacophonous score by John Adams.

The dancers, however, look splendid, and did everything asked of them with style and dignity. Virginia Johnson and Donald Williams being particularly impressive. And the company also danced with energy and conviction in *Phoenix Rising*, which will eventually form the first part of a full evening work.

Choreographed in what can best be described as contemporary-ethnic style, this African ceremonial looked like Harlem's answer to Bejart's *Rite of Spring* and was received with tremendous enthusiasm by the audience.

The happiest moment in the programme was the opening: Balanchine's *Serenade*. Led by Johnson and Eddie J. Shelman, it is a signature work for the company and, though the first movement seemed slow to take off, by the end it was clear why the Harlem dancers, with their wholehearted, clean, honest style, are among London's favourite visitors.

The company will show no fewer than 15 ballets in London, and despite the competition, both north and south of the river, are definitely not to be missed.

Judith Cruickshank

Diane Hill on sharp stylish Shakespeare and a challenging adaptation of *Freaks*

GEORGES MERIAN



Age-warp mother and child: Gérard Desarthe as Hamlet, Marthe Keller as an unemotional Gertrude, in Patrice Chéreau's Avignon production

## Elfin in Elsinore

## AVIGNON FESTIVAL

Patrice Chéreau transforms the Cour d'Honneur during the opening moments of *Hamlet*, at the 42nd Avignon Festival. A director given to swathing intellect in a sumptuous brocade of images, 44-year-old Chéreau titillates the indulgent Avignon regulars into a state of expectant adulation, with strains of melancholic music, and Richard Peduzzi's horizontal, wooden jigsaw set, bits of which move to form geometric craters and contours. Into this discordant no-man's-land thunders a silver-clad steed ridden by the dead King. The style, but not the pace, of the coming five hours is set.

Yves Bonnefoy's unpretentious adaptation makes no attempt to mimic Shakespeare's poetic vernacular. Rather he distils the essence of the text into a sharp-tasting liqueur, liberally spiked with ironic humour. It is a perfect foil to Chéreau's explicit direction, which gives every speech the impact of an illuminated letter. All, curiously, except the most hallowed lines. These are delivered like mumbled apologies; "Eure ou n'est pas être", which opens the second half, is lost in the scurry of Hamlet's breathless entry on stage.

His sparse Methuselah locks hidden beneath the youthful cut of an elfin wig, Gérard Desarthe clothes the role of Hamlet in a fetching truculence that, while

eminently entertaining and at times enlighteningly amusing, is tainted by images of a middle-aged gamin, of the ilk of Tom Courtenay playing Peter Pan.

This age-warping is reversed with Marthe Keller as Queen Gertrude, a porcelain doll devoid of carnal passion, and with Robin Renucci, an unconvincing King Claudius. The anchor of the cast, seemingly picked for star qualities and not necessarily for aptness, is Bernard Blier as Polonius. Blier has a maturity and strength of character that dominates almost to the point of imbalance.

In a production that impresses more than it surprises, there are none the less scenes capable of jerking the mind back into wakefulness as the clock ticks relentlessly through the small hours. A Thirties timeswitch for the strolling players (finely cast with Nada Strancar as the Queen and Vladimir Yordanoff as the King) is particularly effective. So too, is stripping Ophelia (Marie-Anne Denicourt) of her customary virginal white, to conceal her madness in a black, flowing shroud, as she stumbles over Peduzzi's magnificent marquetry.

Chéreau heads the Théâtre des Amandiers in the Paris suburb of Nanterre and the sub-title of this year's Festival is "Nanterre in

Avignon". Following *Hamlet* into the Cour d'Honneur is *The Winter's Tale*, directed by Luc Bondy and seen at Nanterre this spring. Chéreau himself is performing in another Nanterre triumph: *Dans la Solitude des champs de coton*, a two-hander by the rising young playwright Bernard-Marie Koltès.

Around this crowd-pulling puccia (advance booking was a record 80,000 seats) spin a plethora of heady satellite productions, most of which are destined for a Paris run during the coming season. *Freaks*, after Tod Browning's celebrated film of the same name, includes among its many co-producers Peter Brook's Centre International de Créations Théâtrales, and it is at Brook's Bouffes du Nord that this extraordinary work will confront the French capital.

*Freaks* is a theatrical gamble that pays off. Directed and adapted by Geneviève de Kermabon, with Jean-Claude Carrière as "writing consultant", it thrusts deformity into the intimacy of the stage. The cast are, for the most part, not actors but ordinary people, whose appearance does not conform to the regulation issue of arms, legs and other outward signs of acceptability.

It is an outstanding production, not for the originality of the scenario (which exposes the spiritual deformity of a physically perfect trapeze artist, who marries a circus dwarf for his money then attempts to murder him), but for the unbridled beauty of Laurence Forbin's pastel patchwork costumes and electric blue metal design, and for de Kermabon's hard-nosed, intuitive, spectacular direction. In the finale, the "monsters" revenge themselves on the trapeze artist by frightening her to death. The murder by fear happens over the audience's head with nothing but a safety net to separate them from reality.

But it is above all the overpowering theatrical presence of the multi-national cast that singles the production out. Especially captivating is Hervé Paillet, a handsome young man with a dazzling smile, who peters out just below the waist. He is number on his hands than many are on their feet. In the role of Phroso, his love for a pretty young acrobat is natural and totally believable.

Not meant to be a comfortable play, at first it arouses a distinct unease, even indignation, that such monstrosities should dare to perform in public, outside a fairground booth. Finally, however, there is admiration and a hope that this production could help to change attitudes to physical deformity in the world.

The main beneficiary was Alasdair Elliott as Roberto, a tenor with the ring and lyric freedom that was surely the kind of voice Donizetti had in mind. Every note was thrilling and every detail of his floruita contributed to the dramatic impression of evil.

Steven Page excelled in the buffo role of the other plotter, Don Cherardo. Perhaps he was not helped by producer Malcolm Fraser in singing the first of his patter-songs with a corpse lying on the stage. Many stage gestures confused and muted the characterization. Russell Smythe, in the title role and Stephanie Friede, as the Duchess Eleonora, never quite settled down on the opening night.

David Fallows

## OPERA

Torquato Tasso  
Buxton Opera House

Carlo Rizzi, a young conductor from Milan, made a remarkable British debut at Buxton.

It was not merely that he made the Manchester Camerata sound better than I have ever heard them, with playing that was both vital and relaxed. Nor was it his clear understanding of the singers' needs, allowing lines to open up and soar. More important, he presented Donizetti's rarely heard piece so that every detail was made to sound the work of a master of the theatre.

## All together now

NYOGB/Seaman  
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For the complete, original version of Stravinsky's *The Firebird*, you need at least 120 players. The National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain brought 150 but it was not by sheer weight of numbers that they impressed.

What struck one most forcibly was the absolute unanimity of the ensemble, not only in Stravinsky's scampering woodwind exchanges and syncopations, but the tricky tempo and mood changes of Elgar's *Falstaff*.

Then there was the technical assurance of the strings and woodwind (the brass showed more signs of nerves); only a lack of really big, shimmering string tone at the climaxes betrayed the orchestra's youthfulness.

Moreover, some of the principal

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players — the sweet-toned violinist and splendidly characterful bassoonist in *Falstaff*, the viola tagging its rustic postscript to Dukas's *Sorcerer's Apprentice*; the mercurial oboe, clarinet, and flute players dovetailing their phrases so precisely in *The Firebird* — clearly have the potential to make a mark in the profession.

For instilling such disciplined ensemble without damping down the imagination needed to bring the Dukas and Elgar portraits to life, Christopher Seaman deserves much credit. Yet there was a prosaic element in his interpretations which prevented the concert from taking off as it might have done.

Richard Morrison

## CONCERT

New London  
Consort  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

On Monday Philip Pickett staged an irresistibly flamboyant show in his "Pickett's Pageant" series. His subject was the Field of the Cloth of Gold, that celebrated meeting in 1520 between Henry VIII of England and Francois I of France. What the musicians on both sides played is not known. This exercise thus had to be conjectured, but what mattered was that it should have been magnificent. With the New London Consort supplemented by the groups Circa 1500 and Baroque Brass of London, we were assured of that.

French songs like Mouton's "La la la Follon du bois" and Mouton's "Et d'ou venez vous, madame Lucette?" set a predominantly light, tone. Between (and

within) songs were instrumental arrangements, among which were the memorably soft sounds of Giesse's *Pavane d'Angleterre* Galliard, played by Frances Kelly and Andrew Lawrence-King on two harps.

Of the English songs, the one which aroused the most avid audience response was the beautiful "When be my love", sung by Catherine Bott, Christopher Robson and Michael George. David Robson tantalized us with Hugh Aston's *A Hornpipe*, keyboard variations. The final word was left to William Cornyshe and a version of "Blow thy horn hunter", which had Stephen Henderson imagining an entire jazz kit before him.

Stephen Pettitt

## Not a bad life

Sheridan Morley meets Edward Fox, the urbane eponymous hero of a new production of *The Admirable Crichton*

If you were looking for a perfect gentleman's gentleman, or at any rate a perfect *Admirable Crichton*, it might seem that the choice of Edward Fox was not only ideal but also the most obvious around. A grandson of Frederick Lonsdale, educated at Harrow, with service in the Coldstream Guards, familiar on television as Simon Gray's wonderfully drenched Quartermaine, his biography would suggest the ultimate in typecasting for the Haymarket.

Look a little closer, and the picture gets more intriguing. The relationship with Lonsdale is actually through an illegitimate affair of his grandmother's; Fox disliked Harrow and was politely asked to leave the Guards. His first real London success was in a dark and revolutionary play of David Hare's called *Knuckle*; his film name was made not in period or classical costume, but as the infinitely invisible assassin of *Day of the Jackal*. The Fox's hair turns out to be more than usually concealed.

It was Rex Harrison who thought of him for Crichton (while Rex plays the employer, Lord Lonsdale, in Barrie's comedy of desert-island discards) and there is of course a certain sense in which the mantle of the gentleman actor is being handed on, though this is not quite the first time the two have worked together, as Fox explains:

"We started making a film of John Mortimer's *Voyage Round My Father* together several years ago, but then the money ran out, so this will really be our first partnership. Rex reminded me what a good and timely play *Crichton* is: old-fashioned in concept, certainly, but it seems to have got younger rather than aged in what it has to say about man and nature."

A long pre-London tour has not been without its problems: rumours from the road have told of Harrison having script-learning problems, and the original American director Michael Rudman disappeared from the billing, to be replaced by Frith Banbury. "It was," says Fox in the manner of a Foreign Office diplomat announcing an unfortunate local assassination, "fundamentally a difference of opinion."

Just over 50 and already a grandfather, through a first and brief marriage to Tracy Reed, since when he has lived happily for almost 20 years with the actress Joanna David, Edward Fox views his life, family and profession with an amiably elegant detachment.

"This whole matter of being a gentleman is far more complex than it looks: all over television nowadays you see a lot of people bouncing about telling you they are gentlemen when you know bloody well they are not. When I started out 30 years ago it was all very different: if you wore a tie you could not even get an audition."

"And I was always very lethargic about a career: after the Guards booted me out I went for a job in Marks and Spencer and then, because I could not think of anything else to do, I applied to RADA. It was the time of O'Toole and Finney and Courtenay and there really was no hope for me at all, but I spent a lot of time swirling about in rep' playing small roles and enjoying myself hugely."

Meanwhile, his brother William, known as James Fox, became a film star almost overnight in pictures such as *The Servant*. "I had a look at his sort of life with the big cars and decided I really didn't care for it very much. Sudden success can be a problem, and it certainly was for Willy which is probably one of the reasons why he took to religion: I found it almost a relief still to be in tacky regional dressing rooms with holes in all the chairs."

Then, however, came a role in



Diplomatic manner: Edward Fox

Jo Lossy's *The Go-Between*, which led him on to *Day of the Jackal*. "They really wanted Steve McQueen, because he would have been able to sell a few more cinema tickets, but the whole point of the story was that the man had to be unrecognizable, so in the end they settled for me and that really worked out quite well. They said I should go out to Hollywood and make my fortune after that but I really couldn't face America, so I stayed over here and didn't get another job for 18 months."

"The National and the RSC have never shown any interest in me at all, so although I was lucky enough to get into some West End David Hare and Simon Gray plays, if ever I wanted to do the classics I more or less had to organize it myself. I once did a fairly terrible *Hamlet* at the Young Vic, and then an *Iago* in Regent's Park, but now I've rather lost any ambitions to join a permanent company: they do tend to put you in the chicken coop with some frightful old boilers."

Outside the theatre, Fox's principal concern now seems to be a country garden he has begun to work at the weekends. "There really is no point in worrying about a career, because the whole thing is all a matter of luck. As long as you keep turning the ground over and stay in reasonable condition, the rest is a matter of waiting for something new to spring up each season."

"Some years are so follow that you feel like hibernating altogether, but then along comes a *Crichton* or the need to do a film or some television to pay the bills and off one goes again, hoping for the best. One just prays for congenial company backstage and not to have too many disasters: I suppose it's not a bad life, really."

● The Admirable Crichton begins previews tonight at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket and opens on Monday August 8.

## What fathers did in the war

The burden of innocence is sometimes more difficult to carry than that of guilt. The wife-beater may brazenly walk arm in arm with his bruised spouse, but a caring companion may cringe as he accompanies his black-eyed beloved, who has been attacked only by a door.

What was striking about the fascinating documentary *Children of the Third Reich*, for First Tuesday (ITV), was that the children found it much harder to come to terms with the sins of their fathers than did the fathers themselves. Not that there were many fathers on view, except in old clips.

One had been executed by the Nazis, leaving his son to ponder and write about his crimes. Another, who did not face the

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camera, had belatedly served a token sentence for his role in the extermination of 20,000 Jews only to be welcomed back by the community — but not by his horrified daughter, who had known nothing of his crime.

However, another, a silver-haired man chillingly calm in his unrepentance, appeared in the most extraordinary circumstances: suddenly munching at the family table, with his critical daughter and his son-in-law, a Jewish doctor not so sure that history as well as morality was on his side.

As almost too glibly poignant a counterpoint, the programme's

second documentary was concerned with the plight of Palestinians in West Germany which, unlike so many countries, grants them entry — but harries them with restrictions.

The latest in the long print-out of computer television thrillers, Granada's *Wipe Out* (ITV) seems set to give us a ghost in the machine, or at least chip-curling, floppy-disk-bending African spirit. There are good things going for it, not least that wonderfully unalloyable puppy of an actor, Ian McNeice, as a slob computer buffon; but as yet there seems more strain than brain in its recycling of genre clichés.

Andrew Hislop

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## Part of the family business

Anna Murdoch's new novel is set, unsurprisingly, in the newspaper business.

Bryan Appleyard wonders where the boundaries of fiction lie

A voice comes over the intercom: "Er, guys, could you move your ladders and stuff?" One of the unexpected problems of having remote-controlled automatic gates is having them painted. Somebody presses a button in the house and ladders, paint and decorators go flying in all directions. This time they were ready: as soon as the car appeared they had cleared the area.

The drive curves up to a circular court with a fountain in the middle. Curving round about a third of this circle is the house itself. Stone-built and Spanish in inspiration, it looks like everything else in Beverly Hills, unnervingly flawless and clean. On the other side of this facade is the terrace, filled with loungers and a small pool. Beyond that, the land drops away into the southern Californian haze which, this morning, largely conceals the remainder of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles.

This is the newest home of Anna and Rupert Murdoch. From its six acres of ground there is, haze and smog permitting, an almost entirely unrestricted 360-degree view of the richest landscape on earth from downtown LA to Malibu. Wilshire Boulevard can just be made out, its office blocks rising from the general greyness, but, further south, the vast Twentieth Century Fox lot is invisible.

Murdoch's empire now takes in Fox, making that strange complex of backlots and offices a relative of the newspaper you are now reading. And that provides the reason for the Murdochs' new Beverly Hills home. They bought it two years ago. It was a run-down mess. Anna Murdoch has since supervised its renovation and, apart from areas of the gardens, it is now complete.

In the same period she has been writing her second novel. The first — *In Her Own Image* — was a medium-length psychological study; this second — *Family Business* — is a 600-page saga about... well, to be honest, the newspaper industry. Surely this was, under the circumstances, a slightly risky choice of subject?

"There's always an element of risk in a novel because you are exposing yourself," she says, sitting at a glass table on the terrace. "I know I'm writing fiction. A lot of people don't."

Her heroine is Yarrow McLean, who expands her small family newspaper business in America into a media conglomerate. In the process she has four children, an unsuccessful marriage and a lifelong love affair with a rich, handsome man who does not quite become the Democratic candidate for president. But for the newspaper setting, it is, therefore, evidently fictional. Nevertheless Yarrow's character has led one American critic to describe her as "Rupert Murdoch in drag".

"Some of her qualities are probably what I see in him. But she is a genuine made-up article."

Even so, the real family business proved useful in constructing the fictional one. "I didn't talk to my husband a lot, but I did ask him when I got into technical areas. The great thing was I was able to go to people directly. He was helpful in steering me the right way. He doesn't normally read



A woman of substance: Anna Murdoch was able to draw on her husband's technical expertise for her subject matter

## 'I'm really a private person. I'm not interested in the selling, the ego-massage'

novels and he has a very short attention span. But he has read it now. He's a very loyal husband, he thinks it's wonderful and he is delighted with my success."

Other possible connections between book and the real world she is more reluctant to endorse. Aspects of a character called Molinski, for example, look suspiciously like Robert Maxwell — "it could be, it doesn't matter" — and the departure of one editor has overtones of the Harry Evans drama at *The Times* — "you will probably see that there if you wish to find it".

She was born Anna Torv in Scotland. Her family emigrated to Australia in 1953 and she began work as a junior reporter on the *Sydney Daily Mirror* when she was 17. It was not her first choice of career. "I wanted to be an actress and now that we have Twentieth Century Fox I don't want to be any more. It came too late in life."

She later joined *The Australian*, another

Murdoch paper, and met the man himself while interviewing him for a staff newspaper. They were married 21 years ago when she was 23 and he was 36. Soon afterwards they came to live in England, where Murdoch's newspapers were to lay the foundations of his worldwide success. It was a period that seems to have left her with an enduring grudge against England.

"The country was going through all that dreadful stuff with — who was that little guy who wore the mackintosh, the Prime Minister? — Harold Wilson! It was a miserable time. I had been taken away from the Pacific Ocean, the sunshine and my family into pouring rain. And the unions all the time. Night after night there would be phone calls from people who were blackmailing you. We were there six years. I couldn't wait to leave."

Salvation came when they went to live in New York. She took up studying for a

degree course in Mythology and Literature. "I just did it for the learning itself. I'm actually seriously thinking that I might go on and get my doctorate. When my husband retires — if he ever does — I might still be working my way through college."

Amid children and travelling, the degree course at New York University took nine years. But, at that time, she also started writing short stories which she sent to magazines like *Cosmopolitan*. She had no success in spite of the family name.

"I may have used my single name on a few of them. I remember I did think of dropping my married name and I may well go back to that. But, at the time, I thought I was giving my children a lesson in showing there were advantages and disadvantages in having a name and I thought it was a bit of a cop-out to put out a book with another name on it. Anyway, just because your name is Murdoch, people don't necessarily

know." Finally she was advised she might have more success with short stories if she had a full-length book published and she embarked on *In Her Own Image* which was published in 1985.

"Reviews? They're a necessary evil. Sometimes the reviewers can't keep the person out of the review. I didn't get many bad ones, though. The first I remember was a lovely one in *The Washington Post*."

"The writing I like but the whole publishing side I don't. I'm really a private person. I prefer just to write and share it with my readers. But I'm not interested in the selling, the ego-massage."

She wanted the second book to be longer, more popular and to appeal to women.

"I wanted to write a novel that women today, not unlike myself in age, would connect with. I wanted to show that my heroine wasn't a superwoman. I remember saying to an editor at Collins that I wanted to write about a heroine with varicose veins and she said: 'Oh, don't make them too large!'"

"I think one is tired reading about these perfect creatures who manage everything so well. I wanted to say that you can have everything, but not at the same time. It's a very old-fashioned book. I hope it's a moral book. The moral is the Protestant work ethic — if you work hard and you're good to people, life will be good to you."

The book is about journalism because of her own feelings for this trade and her fascination with its personalities, its technology and its strange power. She researched extensively and she even modelled the difficult but sympathetic Albert Hinton, her fictional New York print union boss, on the real-life Bert Powers, who fought in the American newspapers disputes in the Sixties. Above all, she feels the romance of the Press.

"I'm a romantic, like most novelists who write this kind of book. I want to look back and savour things. That's why I'm not an entrepreneur. I can write about business, I can make it up, but I certainly wouldn't have the necessary ruthlessness to actually run a business."

In *Family Business* the necessarily ruthless Yarrow McLean even ends up denying her children the company she has created.

"I hope people don't read into that that I am disappointed with my own children. They're very young and they've still got their lives ahead of them. The book had to have drama, and to be as involved with a business as Yarrow was and then to sell it and not hand it on is a very big thing. The whole point of doing it at all is to hand it on."

There are four Murdoch children. Pru who is 29, came from Rupert's first marriage and now works in public relations in Sydney. Anna's three are Elisabeth, aged 19, Lachlan, aged 16 and James, aged 15. All have shown interest in the media business and have, from time to time, taken temporary jobs within the company.

"Our plan for them is that they should work for other companies when they have real jobs. So far we've just been using child labour without paying them or anything."

She plans to start a new book after the autumn. Meanwhile, there is a chance that *Family Business* will be made into a television mini-series.

By writing at all, of course, Anna Murdoch is taking a risk, asserting something of her own against the overwhelming global identity of her husband's name. "But every woman goes through that in different ways. Men don't. You can't live your life vicariously through someone else's success. You have to have your own self-worth. The way I get that is in writing. But the family comes first. It may always be a juggling act, but it's not a huge conflict."

*Family Business* by Anna Murdoch is published by Collins on August 15 (£11.95)

## BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

## Parents' get away

Free "nature breaks" for children aged eight to 15 are being organized throughout August by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. The children will be picked up from points around London and supervised for the day by conservation volunteers. The morning will be spent doing conservation work such as wildflower planting, pond clearance or bridge building, while the afternoon may permit a "bug hunt" or "pond dipping" — so bring along a spare pair of clothes for your child. Further details from Sally Johnson at the trust, London Ecology Centre, 80 York Way, London N1 9AG (01-278 4293). Nature-loving parents are free to come along — space permitting. There are only 16 places on each trip and they are booking up fast, the BTCV says.

## Quote me



"I had a front-door key when I was 14. I was a Scout lass and I was used to looking after myself. I carried a pair of scissors in my handbag... We girls have got to be able to look after ourselves, haven't we?"

Edwina Currie

## To the rescue

With the vulnerability of female motorists highlighted this summer with the murder of Marie Wilks, National Breakdown has publicly pledged its army of 1,500 agents to help women drivers in distress — whether or not they are members. "Once we have recovered the stranded driver we will give her the opportunity to join our service, either by credit card or cash," says Major Malcolm Smart, the major operations manager. "If she doesn't want to join we will pay for the recovery and she will simply be asked to pay for any work which is carried out by the agent." The AA and the RAC are unimpressed. Both say it has been unwritten policy for years to help any woman on her own, whether a member or not. "Certainly since the incident on the M50 we have had a radical change of policy," says an RAC spokesman. "We now tell the woman we'll be happy to pick her up at the pub or cafe or wherever she's gone to make the telephone call. We do not tell her to go back to her car and wait."

Victoria McKee



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## College ties for the girls

Having just graduated from the Oxford women's college which the Prime Minister did not go to — St Hilda's — I'm delighted to see that forthcoming legislation will still allow it to recruit female staff only.

Being at a women's college is hardly like being in an enclosed order, although the reaction I've had might suggest that. Boyfriends and male members of undergraduates' families are regularly around, as well as the men who staff every college's first line of defence — the lodge. Outside tutorials or faculty lectures mean that we are not restricted to all-female teaching.

When I had a male tutor at another college, he took delight in telling me that final papers from the women's colleges were automatically marked down. Deciding that the best bet was to humour him, I asked how the examiners could tell, as these papers bear only a number and not the college or the undergraduate's name. The handwriting gave it away, he told me. I think it was meant as a joke.

I found female tutoring and the support of a female principal all I could have wished for. My one experience of male tutoring resulted in the above exchange and some disappointing tutorials. The male undergraduates who came to our college for tutorials did so from choice, and looked happy enough with it. My fellow undergrads were also happy with this, and the only people who found it a problem were some male undergraduates.

This was demonstrated by a questionnaire concerning attitudes to an all-women's col-

## FIRST PERSON

Christine Brown

lege. I learnt from it that male undergraduates — although, I hope, not all of them — regard women at colleges like St Hilda's and Somerville as "slags", "repressed spinsters" or "lesbians". All this indicates, of course, is that male undergraduates have more of a problem relating to women than the other way round.

Far from such descriptions, my fellow undergraduates appeared to be a well-balanced, happy, hard working lot. They had chosen to apply to a women's college, and at the end of three years recounted many happy times there, as I did. It is interesting that those who stay on to do further degrees invariably opt to remain at their own college rather than change to a mixed one, which says something for women's colleges.

The Government's plans to allow Oxford and Cambridge women's colleges to go on recruiting female staff only must surely be good news for future undergraduates of those colleges.

A sense of humour will always help. I think I met the blood-brother of my witty male tutor at a recent luncheon to encourage mature students at St Hilda's. The husband of one of the prospective candidates expressed astonishment that the college had a gentleman's lavatory. I told him we might not want male staff or undergraduates in the college, but were happy to acknowledge their existence.

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THEATRE  
LONDON

★ **THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON**: J.M. Barrie's other desert island play, with Rex Harrison as the title role and Edward Fox as his perfect butler. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-836 9832). Tue: Plocecity Circus. Preview from tonight, 7.30-10.30pm. Press night Aug 6, 7.30-10.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mat. Wed, Sat 3.50pm. 25-21.

★ **BALES IN ARMS**: "My Funny Valentine", "Lady is a Tramp", and other favourites in high-spirited Rodgers/Hart musical. Open Air Theatre, Regents Park, NW1 (01-488 2431). Tue: Baker Street. Press night tonight, 7.45pm. Then Sat 7.45pm. Previews 5.15-7.15pm. From Aug 4, 5.15-7.15pm, mat. Wed, Sat 3.50pm. 25-21.

★ **DON'T GO AWAY MAD**: US actor Michael Moriarty in first production over here of William Saroyan's hospital play of 1948. Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tue: Coward Garden. Previewing tonight, 7.30-10.15pm. Press night tomorrow, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat. Wed, Sat 3.50pm. Previews 5.15-7.15pm. From Aug 4, 5.15-7.15pm. 25-21.

★ **HELLO AND GOODBYE**: Estelle Kohler and Anthony Sher as brother and sister in Fugard's absorbing play. Start of a two month season of RSC productions. Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4104). Tue: Highbury & Islington. Now: 7.30pm. Press night Aug 4, 7.30pm. Then Sat 7.30pm. In repertory from Aug 22, 25-25.50.

★ **HYDE PARK**: Barry Kyle's fazzing production of James Shirley's 1630 comedy of romantic mix-ups with an unrepentant RSC cast. The Barbican Centre, Silk St EC2 (01-636 8891). Tue: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Preview from Aug 3, 7.30-10.30pm. Press night Aug 4, 7.30-10.30pm. Then Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mat. Wed, Sat 3.50pm. 25-21.

★ **LONG RUNNERS**: Beyond memorable Donmar Warehouse Theatre (01-734 1166). ★ **Cats**: New London Theatre (01-405 0072). Cat 01-404 4073. ★ **Follies**: Shaftesbury Theatre (01-373 8390). ★ **42nd Street**: Drury Lane Theatre (01-636 8108). ★ **Kiss Me Kate**: Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). ★ **Les Misérables**: Donmar Warehouse Theatre (01-836 8111). ★ **My Darling Clementine**: Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). ★ **Les Misérables**: Palace Theatre (01-240 7913/4).

★ **WORD-WATCHING**  
Answers from page 18  
**ANCHYLOSIS**  
(c) Rymatological correct: ankylosis. Stiffening, usually at the angle, of the human hand or other object, from the Greek ankylos = bent, and -osis = a state of being bent.

★ **GAUOIR**  
(c) An infidel, as a Christian from the Middle point of view from the Gaelic word 'Gau' meaning 'a Gael' or 'a Gaelic'. 'Byron, match.

★ **USTION**  
(c) Caricature, the action of burning, the fact of being burnt, from the Latin ustio, ustis to burn: 'they have already paid the visitation and have also appointed Arabic editions for the scholars.'

★ **TUMBRILLITY**  
(b) The transportation of the condemned by a degrading mode, as by tumbrel or on a hurdle, and so the tumbling accompanying the leading of a condemned man, associated with but not confined to the Reign of Terror in France: 'Tumbrillity has stopped over and reached the entire world now.'

## OUT OF TOWN

★ **EROMLEY**: ★ Holmes and the Ripper: Francis Matthews and Frank Windsor as the Baker Street buddies tackling the crime of the century. Churchill Theatre, High St (01-490 5677). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat. Thurs, Sat 2.30pm. 25-25.

★ **CHICHESTER**: ★ Ring Around the Moon: Acoustic folk-rock comedy of love and money. Stary cast includes Jose Ferrer in his British stage debut. Festival Theatre, Oldlands Park, (0243 781312). tonight 7.00pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7.30pm. Thurs mat 2.30pm. 25-25.50.

★ **STRATFORD**: ★ The Tempest: John Wood in superb form as Prospero in fine production by Nicholas Hytner. Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0783 256233). Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm. 24.50-22.50.

## FILMS

★ **Also on national release**  
★ **Advance booking possible**

★ **A BOUT DE SOUFFLE** (15): Festival of Godard's final feature film from 1959 - an off-hand tale of a fugitive (Jean-Paul Belmondo) and an American student in Paris (Jean Seberg). Everyman (01-435 1525). Progs 3.00, 5.35, 8.20.

★ **COMING TO AMERICA** (15): Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A bawdy comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Land. (16 min). Cannon Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10.

★ **CANNES** (15): A film about the Cannes Film Festival (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.

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## A mastery of manners

While Canaletto was painting his "postcard" vistas of Venice, Pietro Longhi (1702-1785) was describing what went on behind the palazzo facades. He was the semi-official recorder of aristocratic hedonism and manners, which he evoked with historically valuable accuracy through his mastery of a genre known as the "conversation piece". This was usually a small painting depicting an informal family group in a spacious, precisely decorated room. It was a genre at which English artists such as Hogarth, Zoffany and Arthur Devis were adept, and was frequently used by the lord of the household as an excuse to show off his property and heir. Longhi's "The Family Parlour" (above) is such a picture. In it a portly master

exhibits his son before his tutors, an abbot, a bespectacled music teacher and the dancing master. His daughter is relegated to a peripheral role on the knee of a fierce old governess, while the wife hands round the cakes. Longhi extended this genre's basic formula, as represented by "The Family Parlour", by introducing narrative in the form of games, masquerade balls and even bizarre spectacles like the display of an elephant. Works by Longhi and his followers, loaned by the Palazzo Leoni Montanari in Vicenza, go on show today at the National Gallery of Scotland, the Moma, Edinburgh (031 556 8921). Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2-5pm, free, until September 4.

## EVENING

★ **FRETWORK MUSIC**: The unstoppable Pickett's Pageant, covering eight centuries of early music. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191, cc 01-828 8800), 8pm, 23.

★ **HOLST'S HEATH**: Bryden Thomson conducts the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra in Holst's grim Egdon Heath. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191, cc 01-828 8800), 8pm, 23.

★ **MAX'S TRIUMPH**: The won't-quilt Pickett's Pageant now has quibbles and tower music played by the New London Consort on combinations of instruments shown in the famous Burgkammer woodcuts, "The Triumph of Maximilian". Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 3191, cc 01-828 8800), 8pm, 23-29.

★ **WALKS**  
A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Embankment tube, 11am, 22-23.  
AN HISTORIC PUS WALK - WESTMINSTER: Meet Westminster tube, 7.30pm, 22-23.

★ **TALKS**  
EGYPTIAN SCULPTURE IN THE MIDDLE KINGDOM: Museum lecture coinciding with the current exhibition - "Egyptian Sculpture in the Middle Kingdom". Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool (0151 700 0001), 12.45pm, free.

★ **JOHN SARGENT**: Gallery lecture by Simone Mathews on Sargent and his contemporaries. National Portrait Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-477 1000), 1.10pm, free.

★ **CUBISM - A NEW REALISM**: Lecture by Simon Wilson on the prelude to abstract art. Tate Gallery, Gallery 30, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313), 1pm, free.

★ **GALLERIES**  
THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF HOWE: Gainsborough's two magnificent portraits from the centrepiece of a show about the artist's early life period. The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, London NW3 (01-348 1286), 12, until Oct 30.

★ **THE COLCHESTER SEARCHLIGHT TATTOO**: The largest event of its kind in Britain, opens tonight (see Other Events). The spectacular is one of the last surviving great military entertainments, a proud reminder that this is Britain's oldest recorded arms and a garrison since Roman times. Organized jointly by the army and the citizens of Colchester, the tattoo is an exciting combination of massed bands, motorcycles (including the Home Guard's Royal Corps of Transport display team, pictured above), acrobatics, aerial and parachuting displays and pageantry, and culminates in a fireworks display.

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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

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## BBC1

- 6.00** *Coastal AM*.  
**6.30** *Edgar Kennedy in Drafted in the Desert* (b/w). **6.55** *Weather*.  
**7.00** *Breakfast Time* with John Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; regional news and travel reports at 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27.  
**8.35** *Back Rogers* (b/w). Episode six of the 12-part adventure serial *Back Rogers*.  
**9.00** *News and Weather*.  
**9.05** *But First This!* Introduced by Andy Crane begins with the Pink Panther Show. Then cartoons (r). **9.25** *Play School*.  
**10.00** *News and Weather*, followed by *Gentle Ben*. Adventures of a young boy with a pet bear (r).  
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**11.00** *News and Weather*, followed by *Under the Sea* (b/w). Part six of the 12-part classic off-camera serial.  
**11.25** *Great Mysteries*. An investigation into an attempt in 1905 to lift the curse on the Pharaohs. Adventure which was brought to such a dramatic end that those involved felt it proved the existence of supernatural powers (r).  
**12.00** *News and Weather*, followed by *The Garden Party*. Roddy Llewellyn visits Glasgow's International Garden Festival to inspect the landscaping.  
**12.30** *Regional news and weather*.  
**1.00** *One O'Clock News* with Philip Hayton. **1.30** *Neighbours*. Daphne, Mike and Eileen are waiting for news of Des and Mrs Mangel hatches a plan.

## BBC2

- 6.55** *Open University: Mothers-in-Law*. Musical with Nickolas. Ends at 7.30.  
**8.00** *Coastal AM*.  
**8.30** *News and Weather*, followed by *The Card Game*. A series of cards profile of 11-year-old Aida Fruk who has looked after her disabled mother for the past five years (r). **2.30** *Italiana*. Part three features Leonardo Timor who has spent a century restoring Italy's early Renaissance masterpieces (r).  
**3.00** *News and Weather*, followed by *James Cameron: Once Upon a Time* (r). **3.30** *News*, regional news and weather.  
**4.00** *Dr. Kildare*. Episode one of a seven-part medical drama (r). **4.25** *Great Mysteries*. The White Pass and Yukon railroad (r). (Coastal).  
**5.05** *Complex*. Lucinda Prior-Palmer and David Green talk about their seven-year marriage (r). **5.30** *The Victorian Kitchen Garden*. Programme nine of the 13-part series on restoring a garden to its Victorian glory (r). (Coastal).

## BBC3

- 6.00** *Mission Impossible*. Revolutionary hold Paris to ransom when they mistake him for a hotel magnate (r).  
**6.30** *That Was Then... This Is Now*. Charing the career of the band the Cure.  
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## ITV/LONDON

- 6.00** *TV-am* begins with *The Morning Programme* introduced by Richard Keys. **7.00** *Good Morning Britain* presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. **8.50** *Wadey* for the young with Timmy Mallett.  
**9.25** *Thames news and weather*.  
**9.30** *Whose Baby?* Nanette Newman. Nini Fretto and Ted Rogers try to decipher children's descriptions. Introduced by Berni Winters.  
**10.00** *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* (r). **10.35** *News headlines*. **10.35** *Diagnosis*. *Adventures of the Gormiti Bears* (r). **11.00** *Tower* (r). **11.10** *Allo! Allo!*. **11.25** *Thames news and weather*.  
**11.30** *Way of the Lakes*. Tony Warburton with the second of six programmes about the Lake District. **12.00** *The Big Dog*. Canine quiz. **12.30** *The Sullivan*. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.  
**1.00** *News at One* with Jon Snow. **1.20** *Thames news and weather*.  
**1.30** *A Country Practice*. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township.  
**2.30** *Heidi*. The first of a new series of the antique programme presented by John Jay. **3.00** *Take the High Road*. Drama in the Scottish Highlands. **3.25** *Thames news and weather*. **3.30** *Sons and Daughters*. Australian family drama series. **4.10** *The Little Green Man* (r). **4.10** *Twelve Summer Days*. Flora Armstrong's sixth programme report on the invading Armies. **4.20** *The Incredible Detectives*. Cartoon adventures (r).  
**4.50** *Investigation*. Chris Kelly investigates the Special Effects department's work on the London's *Burning* series. **5.15** *Give Us a Clue*. Celebrity charades game (r).  
**5.45** *News with Fiona Armstrong*.  
**6.00** *Thames news and weather*.  
**6.30** *Emmerdale Farm*. Death watch beetle invades the Woolpack.  
**7.00** *Fun and Games*. Puzzle programme presented by Rob Buckman and Celia Hoyles.  
**7.30** *Coronation Street*. The atmosphere turns nasty at the Roberts's. (Oracle).  
**8.00** *Highway to Heaven*. The apprentice angel comes to the assistance of an aging, arrogant athlete. Starring Michael London.  
**9.00** *Survival Presentation: Wild Dog Dingo*. An in-depth study of the much maligned Australian mammal. (Oracle).  
**10.00** *News at Ten* with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart.  
**10.30** *Thames news and weather*.  
**10.35** *The Brothers McGregor*. Cyril and Wesley are threatened with physical violence by a disgruntled customer.  
**11.05** *Film: The China Syndrome* (1979) starring Jane Fonda and Jack Lemmon. Drama about a television investigative reporting team who record a potentially lethal incident at a nuclear power plant. Their plan to expand the report is met with obstacles from every quarter. Directed by James Bridges.  
**11.55** *Night Gallery: Pamela's Voice*. A husband kills his nagging wife but his self-satisfaction is short-lived (r).  
**1.30** *Top Ten* introduced by Casey Kavanagh.  
**2.00** *News headlines* followed by *The Howling* (1980) starring Dee Wallace and Patrick Macnee. Thriller about a newswoman who acts as a decoy to trap a sex killer. Directed by Joe Dante.  
**4.00** *News headlines* followed by *Fifty Years On*. Vintage newscasts.  
**5.00** *ITN Morning News*. Ends at 6.00.

## CHANNEL 4

- 12.00** *Just 4 Fun* (r).  
**1.00** *Newsnight*.  
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## Drama's cold comfort

## TELEVISION CHOICE

● Jean Boht, the matriarch of *Bread*, and Liz Fraser may be best known for their comedy roles, but do not expect many laughs in *Eskimos Do It* (BBC2, 9.25pm). Jim Barton's play is about facing up to death and trying to die with dignity. Jean Boht plays Mrs Bing, a middle-aged widow admitted to hospital with back pains and a lump and fully expecting that an operation will put things right. But the diagnosis is cancer, an operation cannot save her and she is given only six to eight weeks. In the next bit is Mrs Dewey (Liz Fraser), another widow, also with cancer, and close to death. Despite the odd flash of desperate humour, as when she recalls her husband going off with another woman only to be booted out for snoring, she is not the person best suited to raise Mrs Bing's morale. An overstretched hospital staff does its best with painkillers and words of comfort, while knowing it can only



Nothing to laugh about: Liz Fraser (left) and Jean Boht are painfully authentic as they face up to death (BBC2, 9.25pm)

postpone the inevitable. When Mrs Bing learns the worst, she tries to discharge herself so that she can spend her last days at home. This sets up a conflict with the hospital, which reckons she is better off staying where she can be looked after. There is disagreement between her two sons, as they discuss the possibility of euthanasia. This links in with the title of the play, for what Eskimos do, when their life is coming to a close, is to walk out into the snow and not come back. Given its theme, this is a necessarily sombre drama, sympathetic but never sentimental, constantly raising questions for which there can be no convincing answers. Boht and Fraser give splendid performances which are all too painfully authentic.

Peter Waymark

## Radio 1

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**6.30** *News* on the half-hour from 6.30am until 6.30pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.  
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## WORLD SERVICE

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## Britain 'battered by rising pound'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday exploited the differences between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer over the exchange rate, alleging that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's policy of allowing the pound to rise was "battering Britain".

The Labour leader said the Bank of England was now intervening to stem the rise in the exchange rate, but if only the Prime Minister had allowed it to do so four months ago a little spending would have gone a long way.

The speculators would have seen that the Government was determined to prevent the pound rising and would have turned their attention elsewhere.

Mr Kinnock's accusation came as Mr Gordon Brown, shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, released a new Labour survey claiming higher mortgage payments and other price increases will cost the average wage-earner an extra £7 a week. Any gains from the Budget tax cuts for the average first-time house buyer would have been "wiped out".

Mr Kinnock said that the exchange rate rise of 9 per cent this year, exacerbated by higher rate of inflation in Britain than in most EEC countries, was bad news for exporters and good for competitors in the European market.

In a statement Mr Kinnock said the market could have been calmed four months ago if the Government had shown its resolve to act early and stabilise the exchange rate, as the Chancellor wanted.

Instead there was a theological dispute between Mr Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson, followed by an interest rate see-saw which took rates down to 7.5 per cent and then up to 10.5 per cent.

Mr Kinnock said the balance of payments deficit, interest rates and inflation were all rising; the speculators and foreign competitors were gaining; British taxpayers, home-buyers and producers were losing.

"Whose side is the Prime Minister on? She might claim to be battling for Britain on her trip abroad, but she's battering Britain with her policies at home."

The Labour survey said that the average first-time buyer will have to pay £8.60 a week more for a mortgage; couples on average wages with a mortgage of three times their income face extra bills amounting to more than £11 a week; and for families in London, with the average mortgage of £46,000, the rise amounts to more than £13 a week.

Mr Brown remarked: "While the average Budget gain was £12 a month, millions of home-owning families on or around average wages are now paying upwards of £30 a month in extra bills because of price and mortgage rises."

## Eisteddfod crown for a pearl of a poem



Mr Walker pestered by protestors urging a new Welsh Language Act (Photograph: Chris Harris) before attending the crowning of the Bard at the National Eisteddfod in Newport.

The Secretary of State for Wales, Mr Peter Walker, making a surprise visit to the National Eisteddfod in Newport, Gwent, yesterday, was mobbed by chanting protestors calling for a new Welsh Language Act. At a lunch for industrialists who sponsor the festival, Mr Walker refused a request to meet

the protestors' leader, Mr Ffion Francis, a former chairman of the Welsh Language Society. Mr Francis, who is the son-in-law of Mr Gwynfor Evans, honorary president of the Eisteddfod, said: "The Secretary of State refused to discuss positive proposals. This is a snub not only to me but to the Eisteddfod

and the people of Wales. It justifies us in continuing our campaign of action for a Welsh Language Act." But Mr Walker said the protestors were doing great damage to the reputation of the Eisteddfod. "They are not in a majority, they are a tiny little group," he said. Mr Walker, who was making his first visit to the

Eisteddfod, was then dogged by the protestors as he made his way to the main pavilion to see the crowning of the bard — one of the most colourful and important ceremonies in Eisteddfod week. The winner of the crown, Mr T James Jones, said he also backed the protestors in their aim for a new Welsh Language Act.

Mr Jones, a BBC script editor from Newcastle Emlyn, Dyfed, wrote in his winning poem of his pessimism about the future of Welsh society. It was the second national crown for Mr Jones, who was at the Fishguard Eisteddfod two years ago. The adjudicators described his poem as a pearl of a poem.

## IRA warning urges civilians to 'stay clear of targets'

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key evidence on investigations and court cases. Records have been kept going back into the 1970s of the work of bomb makers both on the mainland and also in Ulster.

Privately detectives are expressing little doubt but they await the final scientific confirmation based on evidence in the wreckage.

They are already examining descriptions of a number of strangers seen on the camp near the barracks on Sunday but it is too early to issue any details.

As the victims of the blast recovered yesterday the Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher, called from Australia, on her 12-day foreign tour, to ask about their condition and thank staff at the Edgeware and Barnet Hospitals for their efforts.

The barracks explosion was in the Hendon North parliamentary constituency, on the borders with her own Finchley constituency in north London.

Sussex police, arranging the security for this year's Conservative Party conference in Brighton, will receive details of the Yard investigation.

Yesterday Sussex police said officers were already in constant touch with the Yard and the Royal Ulster Constabulary. A spokesman for the Sussex police said: "We are very concerned about what happened in London and we will be in touch with the Yard about any lessons to be learnt."

Captain James Donovan, the unit adjutant at Mill Hill, yesterday denied that there were security lapses during a dance at the weekend, a few dozen yards from the bombed barracks block.

He said invited civilians would have been sent a formal letter of introduction, to be presented on arrival. "No doubt this was done," he said.

Among those who attended were the soldier who died in the blast, Lance Corporal Michael Robbins, and his girlfriend, also a member of the service personnel at the depot, the British Forces Post Office.

Captain Donovan said: "The allegation that people can walk in here at random at any time of day or night is completely false." He also said security arrangements had changed since he arrived 18 months ago.

Asked whether he believed there was a case for improving security at the married quarters, he replied: "That may be the case. But it is outside the immediate security perimeter of these barracks."

Despite his denials, wives of servicemen yesterday continued to criticize security. "It is a shame that it took a tragedy to convince the powers that be that changes must be made," one said. Another woman on the base, who also refused to be named, said: "It seems that people here were living in the good old days, before all the troubles and before the IRA started its bombing of the mainland."

Whatever the Army view of security at the camp a reporter from *The Times* was able yesterday to walk through a stretch of collapsed perimeter wire and then walk round married quarters of the base unchallenged.

Mr Ken Maginnis, Official Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said yesterday that the fact that the Provisionals could place such large quantities of explosives in one small area within a few days was a comment on the extent of their supplies.

## EETPU wins rail ballot

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from political ideologies. In the ballot of 137 employees, 43 voted for the EETPU and 39 for the consortium of traditional rail unions made up of the National Union of Railwaymen, ASLEF, the drivers' union, and the Transport Salaried Staffs Association.

The unions have invested much time and money into wooing the staff of the light railway, even though only a few people are involved, but their decision could be a crucial factor in future battles to recruit non-union workers in the "uplifted" Docklands.

Under normal circumstances, the electricians' decision to attempt to recruit workers within the traditional domain of other unions would have led to a disciplinary action.

However, with the electricians already suspended for refusing to abide by two decisions that it should withdraw from single union agreements, the decision on the light railway signifies the beginning of a membership war throughout industry.

## Thatcher lets her cat out of the bag

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And she did write on the walls — although by invitation — a message adding to previous School of the Air visitors such as Rolf Harris, the swimmer Dawn Fraser, the cricketer Rodney Marsh, and Robin Klein of the Delltones.

As for the rewriting of history — well perhaps it can be put down to the necessity of simplifying the story for children.

When Caryn McKell, of Yeundum, asked how she had become Prime Minister, Mrs Thatcher began: "When our last leader of our party resigned, it was suggested I put my name in."

It could just be that a certain grumpy old gentleman in Old Benley and Sidcup, who had every intention of hanging on to the job, sees it a little differently.

● CANBERRA: Britain and Australia will today sign a bilateral agreement providing for convicted drug traffickers to have their assets seized (Robin Oakley writes).

Britain is seeking more than 50 such agreements in line with the 1986 Drug Trafficking Offences Act. So far three have been concluded, with the US, Canada and the Bahamas.

## Gourmet cuisine conquers an army

By Alan Hamilton

Timed bully beef, upon which the British Army has traditionally marched since the dying days of Empire, is about to be replaced by curried chicken Madras and sweet and sour pork.

The private soldier is gradually being introduced to an innovation in his 24-hour operational ration pack, the Retort Pouch. Housewives have been familiar with it for some years under its more prosaic name of boil-in-the-bag, but change in the Army does not occur overnight.

The new rations have been approved only after exhaustive research by a hitherto obscure body, the Armed Services Food Laboratory at Gosport, Hampshire.

That the laboratory is a branch of the department of the Government Chemist will not go unnoticed by those who have to eat the new-style meals. The contract for making the new packs has been awarded to a food processing company in Scotland.

According to *Soldier* magazine, the advantages are that if the soldier should fall while carrying the new plastic food packs in his combat clothing, he is less likely to break a rib than if he fell on a tin.

Additionally, cooking the new meals requires less water — always precious with an army on the march — and the cooking water can be reused for making tea or shaving.

The Ministry of Defence said yesterday that the new plastic packaging allowed a greater flexibility of meals than did the tin.

The ministry's victualling experts are converts to the gospel of healthy eating, and are even considering textured vegetable protein as a future addition to soldiers' marching fuel.

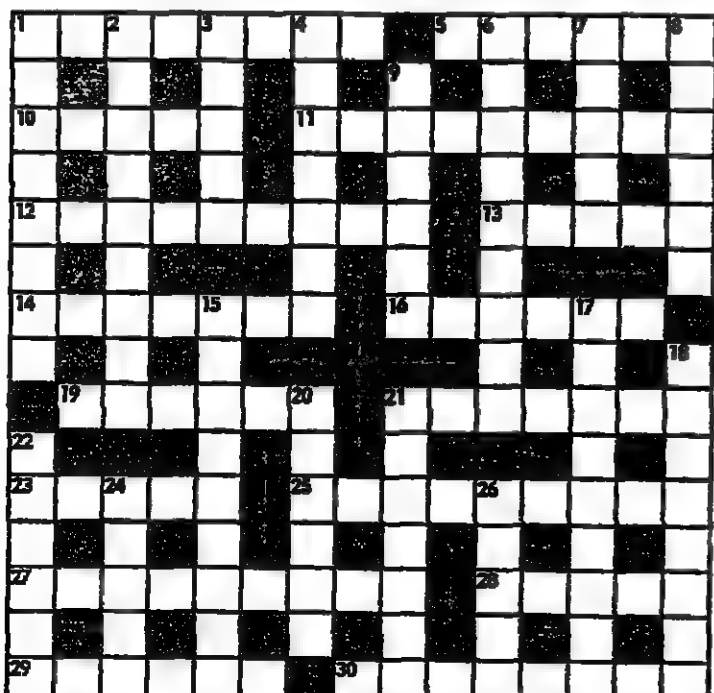
Colonel Kerry Curtis, assistant director of supplies and transport for the Army, admitted that the changes were partly forced by what servicemen experienced in private life. "We did a major survey of likes across the three services, and we noticed a trend towards more healthy eating and the more exotic dishes," he said.

The Retort Pouch will not entirely supplement the old stodge, for a long time yet the Army will rely heavily on the traditional "compo" tins, which, being tinned, have a long shelf life.

A gourmet columnist wrote in *Soldier*: "I succumbed completely to the quiet artistry of the finely-flavoured chicken supreme. The robust flavour of the steak and veg was satisfying and memorable. The sausage and beans, while undramatic, were certainly home-from-home quality. The apple dessert was imaginative and unimpeachable."

*Soldier's* anonymous food writer reserves his opinion on the curry Madras and the sweet-and-sour pork, but admits that with the surplus hot water he enjoyed a chair rather than a scrape.

## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,738



### ACROSS

- The look that kills? (8).
- Castle, some say, was involved in battle (6).
- At heart regrets being swallowed by very large man-eaters (5).
- Crazy flag here (2,3,4).
- Passes on easily (5,4).
- Prevent a surgeon getting right inside (5).
- A chap and I — abroad we appear utterly atrocious (7).
- Bluff Henry VIII (6).
- Former part of England and most of Wales out of control (7).
- Add in turn one, a hundred and a score (5).
- A form of service accepted by the state? The other way round (4,5).
- Bird in a very bad way — one left in competition (9).
- The end is nigh (5).
- Sailing boat comes back in, as ever (6).
- Love deeply, as one does when the first sign of love is involved (8).

### DOWN

- So-called plot by fence causes hullabaloo (8).

### DOWN

- Treat harshly girl one's overwhelmed with old port (9).
- Landlords of little houses on both sides of the street (5).
- Caruso, you said, could be this. Surely not! (7).
- Alternative date entered for surgical treatment (9).
- Theatre-in-the-round (5).
- Compact sort of port (6).
- At first, smoked fish stink... (6).
- ...of smell that makes us cry? A lot of nonsense! (9).
- Most of term promises to be highly entertaining (9).
- Stews are getting cooked — they show reaction to heat (8).
- Charm girl wearing spots (6).
- One turned up in coloured dress — that's rotten! (7).
- Aquatic creature harms one U-bowl, leaving the others alone (6).
- Foreign wife's endless complaint (5).
- Five zero — about 50 — are very eloquent (5).

### WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- ANCHYLOSIS**  
a. Swollen stalks  
b. Drying out  
c. Softening
- GLAUCOMA**  
a. An inflamed  
b. Italian punctuality  
c. A light-armed skirmisher
- USTION**  
a. A shipping duty  
b. A Tibetan nose-flute  
c. Cauterization
- TUMBRILITIS**  
a. The falling sickness  
b. Demeaning transport  
c. Demagoguery

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### Solution to Puzzle No 17,737

PROPHETIC REDD  
I RUO I E O E  
CHAGRIN COMFORT  
O T C Y T A U N A  
C R I W H REFASHION  
I N I A A U N A  
RAY SECOND SIGHT  
S E T D P O  
DETERMINATE AIR  
U E O M A N  
ROADSENSE KITT  
E C U M E O I  
ASHAMED TRAINEE  
S I E O A S I I  
TOWER HOLLYWOOD

### WEATHER

A weak ridge of high pressure exists over southern parts. Frontal troughs will affect northern areas later in the day. Most southern areas will have a dry day with some bright or sunny intervals. Northern parts of the country will have showers at first with increasing amounts of cloud followed by prolonged outbreaks of rain. Outlook: mainly dry in the South. Rain in the North at first.

### ABROAD

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Algeria	29/84	15
Alexandria	29/84	15
Algiers	40/104	28
Athens	33/91	9
Bahia	37/99	9
Barcelona	29/84	15
Bombay	31/88	16
Buenos Aires	31/88	16
Calcutta	31/88	16
Cairo	34/93	19
Canton	31/88	16
Chongqing	31/88	16
Copenhagen	19/68	6
Delhi	34/93	19
Dublin	17/69	3
Hankow	31/88	16
Hong Kong	31/88	16
Kobe	31/88	16
London	17/69	3
Lyons	17/69	3
Manila	31/88	16
Medan	31/88	16
Osaka	31/88	16
Paris	17/69	3
Perth	10/61	1
Prague	25/79	7
Rangoon	31/88	16
Rio de Janeiro	31/88	16
Singapore	31/88	16
Sourabaya	31/88	16
Taipei	31/88	16
Tokyo	31/88	16
Yokohama	31/88	16

### AROUND BRITAIN

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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1481.4 (-5.1)	US dollar 1.7075 (-0.0070)
FT-SE 100 1855.5 (-6.7)	W German mark 3.2007 (-0.0131)
USM (Datsstream) 168.78 (same)	Trade-weighted 76.6 (-0.1)

Executive Editor  
David Brewerton

## Dividend boost by Unitech

Unitech, the electronic components maker in which the Swiss Elektrowatt group recently took a 29.9 per cent stake, reports pre-tax profits of £14.7 million for the year ended May 28, compared with £13.58 million a year earlier. It is raising the year's dividend by 15 per cent to a total of 9.0675p a share.

Sales rose from £215.9 million to £217.3 million and Mr Peter Curry, the chairman, says orders and sales in the first two months of this year are ahead of comparable levels a year ago.

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## Hartons' buy

British Syphon Industries, the industrial group, is selling Graphic & Display Products to the Hartons Group for £2.4 million. Hartons will settle GDP's indebtedness of about £3.4 million.

## C&W link

Cable and Wireless, which has already expressed an interest in Racal's Vodafone business, has formed a joint venture to run a cellular telephone service covering the Caribbean and aimed at affluent yachtsmen.

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	2123.93 (-6.58)
Dow Jones	2123.93 (-6.58)
Nikkei Average	28368.33 (-40.02)
Hong Kong	2701.09 (-2.33)
Amsterdam	280.2 (-1.9)
Sydney	1623.1 (-1.1)
Frankfurt	1481.3 (-0.6)
Bremen	4820.0 (-2.8)
Paris	359.0 (-1.1)
Zurich	SKA Gain n/a
London	
FT-A All-Share	988.77 (-3.12)
FT-100	1052.50 (-3.1)
FT Gold Mines	198.3 (-6.7)
FT Fixed Interest	97.54 (-0.04)
FT Govt Secs	88.02 (-0.04)
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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

ROSEN	489p (+11p)
M J Gleason	545p (+20p)
Morland	617p (+18p)
Highgate & Job	245p (+10p)
Yentis & Newman	750p (+10p)
DAKS Simpson 'A'	535p (+10p)
Securicor 'A'	375p (+17p)
Security Services	367p (+27p)
Ten Holdings	185p (+10p)
Carid Group	252p (+25p)
Metical Bar	367p (+12p)
Watergate	135p (+12p)
BPA	250p (+10p)
J Cropper	237p (+10p)

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	10%
3-month interbank	10 1/4-10 1/2%
3-month eligible bills	10 1/2-10 3/4%
buying rate	
US Prime Rate	9 1/4%
Federal Funds	7 3/4%
3-month Treasury Bills	8.92-9.01%
30-year bonds	10 1/2-10 3/4%

## CURRENCIES

London	New York
£ \$1.7075	£ \$1.7100
£ DM3.2007	£ DM1.8755
£ Sfr2.6693	£ Sfr1.5620
£ FF10.7959	£ FF6.3245
£ Yen226.53	£ Yen132.87
£ Index:76.6	£ Index:90.6
ECU £0.950072	SDR 20.75848

## GOLD

London Fixing	
AM \$432.90 pm \$432.75	
close \$433.00-433.50 (\$253.50)	
New York	
Comex \$432.60-433.10	

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sept) pm \$15.40bb (\$15.53)	
October (Sept) trading price	

## THE STOCK WATCH

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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Securicor Group (01747) impressed with interim profits and A shares rose 27p; Yorkshire Chemicals (02607) lost 11p as final figures disappointed the market; Chemox International (04176) added 11p; Highgate and Job (02319) gained 10p. ● Recent additions include: Waverly Mining Finance Warrants 03408; Prestwick Holdings 74p; cony pref 03385; Bucknall Austin 03386; Broadwell Ltd 03387. ● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

# Britain moves towards Euro money union

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Government is taking a step towards European monetary union with the issue of a new type of Treasury bill denominated in European Currency Units.

The initiative was described by the Treasury as a useful and practical step, in line with the view of the Chancellor and the Prime Minister that the path towards greater European monetary co-operation lay through greater use of the Ecu, rather than visionary developments such as the creation of a European central bank.

The announcement came against the background of heavy intervention by the Bank of England last month to try to stem the strength of the pound. The reserves rose an underlying \$910 million (£532 million) to a total of \$49,826 million after taking account of repayments under the exchange cover scheme of \$47 million.

Total intervention may, however, have been double the indicated rise in the reserves. As widely expected, the Government has decided

to repay the \$2.5 billion of floating rate notes issued in September 1985 at the earliest opportunity, and to help do so it has switched about \$1 billion of dollar purchases forward.

The \$2.5 billion FRNs will be repaid on October 7. Some of the dollars accumulated in

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restraining the value of the pound recently will be used to redeem, and the rest will be replaced over time by funds raised through the proposed new Ecu Treasury bills. The FRNs are now a relatively expensive form of finance, and Britain's reserves are much higher than in 1985.

Reaction in the foreign exchange market to the high level of intervention was muted. The West German Bundesbank raised its repurchase rate from 4 per cent to 4 1/4 per cent which gave a temporary boost to the mark, but sterling later recovered to close 0.83 of a pence below its previous close at DM3.2063 and 0.1 lower on the effective rate index at 76.7.

The proposed new Ecu treasury bill will be the only internationally tradeable bill denominated in Ecus. The idea is both to widen the range of options for managing Britain's reserves, and at the same time to encourage the development of the Ecu market in London.

The Bank intends to build up to a total of between Ecu1 billion (£649 million) and Ecu2 billion of bills in issue over a period of six months with monthly tenders of about Ecu500 million. It will be consulting with City institutions during the next few weeks with the aim of building up a number of investors committed to making a market in the new instrument.

The major markets in Ecu instruments at present are in bank deposits and Ecu bonds, of which the Commission and a number of EEC government have already some in issue. The main investors are expected to be central banks, international institutions and some corporate investors who may welcome Ecu-denominated paper to hedge their European trading activities.

## 1.4% rise in US barometer points to continued growth

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The US index of leading indicators, the main barometer of future economic growth, grew by a robust 1.4 per cent in June, the biggest rise since December, 1986.

The increase, which was in line with market expectations, pointed to continued healthy growth in the second half of the year.

Commerce Department officials said yesterday that seven of the nine indicators included in the index advanced in June, led by a strong increase in share prices.

These rose 3.7 per cent for the month, as measured by the Standard & Poor's index of 500 shares.

Bond markets had an initial, negative reaction to the new data, in the belief that the

US Federal Reserve Board would raise interest rates to slow the fast-paced economy.

But a sharp downward revision in the May index, which declined by 0.8 per cent instead of the earlier reported 0.1 per cent, moderated fears.

Analysts said that US unemployment data, due out on Friday, will set the tone of markets in the weeks ahead.

The US unemployment rate, currently at a 14-year low, has raised fears of renewed inflation, caused by higher wages in a tight labour market.

There were widespread expectations yesterday that, based on current economic data, US interest rates will rise, by another three-quarters of a point to a full point, to

prevent an overheating which would rekindle inflation.

Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Fed, repeated his warning of last Thursday that, if the economy did not slow down of its own accord, then the central bank would act to slow growth by raising interest rates.

The US economy grew at a healthy rate of 3.1 per cent in the April-June quarter, down slightly from 3.4 per cent in the first quarter. Government economists anticipate that the rate will continue to moderate in the second half, lessening the need for rate increases.

But markets remain extremely nervous over the future course of growth and government policies which could affect the economy.

## Shandwick pays £19m in PR push

By Martin Waller

Shandwick, the fast-growing public relations group, has added to its global network by purchasing five more agencies, in Australasia, Holland and the United States.

The total consideration up front is £6.1 million, with as much as £13 million due over the next five years.

The purchases bring billings worth about £5 million a year to the group, which now reckons to see about a third of its business coming from North America, the Pacific Basin and Europe.

The initial consideration is being funded by the issue to the vendors of 1.23 million new shares, or 7.7 per cent of the enlarged share capital, placed with institutions. Shandwick intends to issue further shares later.

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## Brussels bars bid for Irish Distillers

By Michael Dwyer and Colin Campbell

While the GC&C Brands consortium was busy putting together its case to be allowed to take over Irish Distillers Group, the European Commission yesterday made clear that the bid would not be allowed under any circumstances.

The announcement effectively brings to an end any hope the GC&C consortium had of convincing the commission that the proposed £167 million bid should be allowed to go ahead.

In a 20-page written ruling from Brussels, the commission informed the bidders that as collective parties they had contravened EEC competition rules by, *inter alia*, blocking competitive bids, and by publicizing plans to divide the Irish group's markets before they had gained control. GC&C Brands -

which was formed collectively by the three individual drinks companies Guinness, Grand Metropolitan and Allied-Lyons with the sole object of launching a bid for the Irish drinks group - has two weeks to reply.

Commission sources indicate, however, that this is merely a formality, and that the bid will be blocked.

Yesterday GC&C Brands formally said that it had received a statement of objections from the Director-General for Competition of the Commission of the European Communities, and is considering this document to determine an appropriate course of action.

The commission's attempt to prevent, on competition grounds, a merger before it has taken place, is unprecedented. EEC intervention, page 21

## Security group roars forward at half time



Road to success: Roger Wiggs and Linda Shoppee, marketing director of Securicor yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

## Cellnet news boosts Securicor

By Carol Ferguson

The revelation that Cellnet will show a profit in the second half of this year gave a strong boost to shares in Securicor Group and its 50.75 per cent-owned subsidiary Securicor Services yesterday. Securicor's non-voting "A" shares rose 27p to 390p, and Securicor Services' shares also jumped 27p, to 367p.

The two companies together own 40 per cent of Cellnet, Vodafone's competitor in

cellular radio. Securicor Services owns 26.7 per cent while Securicor owns 13.3 per cent.

Securicor's chief executive, Mr Roger Wiggs, said in his interim report that the results for the full year were expected to include the first contribution from Telecom Securicor Cellular Radio, the Cellnet cellular radio system owned jointly with British Telecom.

The Securicor companies also revealed strong first half performances by their security, communications and parcels operations for the six months to March 31.

Securicor's pre-tax profits jumped 30 per cent to £11.69 million, while pre-tax profits at Securicor Services rose 35.9 per cent to £10 million. Their dividends were both raised by 10 per cent, to 0.4p and 0.838p respectively.

Mr Chris Shircliffe, Securicor's finance director, said that the profit improvement came from all the group's businesses, but that security services and over-night parcels delivery like Pony Express had performed particularly strongly.

He added that there was significant revenue investment in its European parcels operation in preparation for the removal of European trade barriers in 1992. Securicor is also investing in its link-up with Aer Lingus to form Aer Securicor, which will offer an intra-European door-to-door express parcels service.

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## Clowes net to catch £50m soon

By Lawrence Lever and Dominic Searle

Between £45 and £50 million of money owed to investors in the collapsed Gibraltar company Barlow Clowes International is likely to be recovered in the near future.

Mr Ken Robinson, the Ernst & Whinney liquidator, confirmed yesterday that £30 million had been recovered.

On top of this an £11 million deposit which was made out of BCI investors' money is expected to be taken from a Gibraltar bank.

Moreover, Ernst & Whinney have identified £1.7 million in stocks and shares in a company called Barlow Clowes Nominees.

The liquidators also hope to recover several million pounds for the sale of the yachts Boukaphalos (£1.47 million), Pam II (£200,000) and another yacht in Italy on which \$1 million (£580,000) has been paid.

The amount recovered could swell to the £50 million mark if £5 million of share certificates traced to the Isle of Man are confirmed as belonging to BCI investors.

Altogether about £138 million is believed to be owed to BCI investors. However, some £37 million of this is believed never to have existed.

The £30 million already caught by the liquidators is made up of £14 million in cash and gifts found in Jersey and Gibraltar and £16 million held by Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the UK end of the fund management group, which belongs to BCI investors.

## US group takes 15% of TR

By Our City Staff

A 15 per cent stake in Touche Remnant Holdings, the investment management group with £3.5 billion under management, has been purchased by Liberty Mutual Insurance Group, a large US insurer established in 1912.

The deal values Touche Remnant at around £35 million. This is considerably less than the £90 million price tag which Touche's advisers suggested it was worth when the company was considering merging with Metropolitan Life, the US insurance company, in 1986.

Mr Paul Manduca, the vice-chairman of Touche Rem-

nant, said that the two situations were not comparable. Metropolitan Life was considering a full-scale takeover.

Last year, Touche was hit by boardroom rows coupled with predatory attacks on three of its trusts which threatened the stability of the group.

The rows centred primarily on the Touche management structure and the proposed deal to sell Touche to Metropolitan Life. Touche also flirried briefly with the possibility of being taken over by Manufacturers Hanover and Security Pacific.

Touche Remnant is privately owned by nine of the

ten investment trusts which it manages, all of which have agreed to the Liberty deal which will swell their coffers. No new shares are being created.

The bulk of the 15 per cent which Liberty is taking will come from one of Touche's investment trusts, TR Technology, which emerged successfully, but 55 per cent smaller in asset terms, from a predatory attack launched by Berkeley Govett last year.

The Liberty stake will also help safeguard Touche's present desire to preserve its independence and go for a stock market flotation - an aim which Liberty supports.

CITICORP CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET	
(In Millions of Dollars except per share amounts)	
June 30 1988	
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Due from Banks	\$ 4,602
Deposits at Interest with Banks	12,760
Investment Securities	14,037
Trading Account Assets	5,604
Federal Funds Sold and Securities Purchased Under Resale Agreements	7,545
Loans and Lease Financing, Net	
Consumer (Net of unearned discount of \$3,591 in 1988 and \$4,045 in 1987)	\$ 63,047
Commercial (Net of unearned discount of \$490 in 1988 and \$500 in 1987)	55,977
Lease Financing	4,078
Loans and Lease Financing, Net of unearned discount	\$ 143,103
Allowance for Possible Credit Losses	(4,514)
Total Loans and Lease Financing, Net	\$ 138,589
Customers' Acceptance Liability	4,037
Premises and Equipment, Net	3,328
Interest and Fees Receivable	3,321
Other Assets	10,950
Total	\$ 205,193
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Non-Interest-Bearing Deposits in Domestic Offices	\$ 12,656
Interest-Bearing Deposits in Domestic Offices	48,057
Non-Interest-Bearing Deposits in Overseas Offices	4,235
Interest-Bearing Deposits in Overseas Offices	55,517
Total Deposits	\$ 120,465
Purchased Funds and Other Borrowings	32,541
Acceptances Outstanding	4,054
Accrued Taxes and Other Expenses	4,572
Other Liabilities	10,313
Long-Term Debt	20,953
Subordinated Capital Notes	3,246
Redeemable Preferred Stock	40
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	
Preferred Stock (Without Par Value)	\$ 1,590
Common Stock (Par Value of \$1.00)	345
Surplus	2,884
Retained Earnings	4,597
Common Stock in Treasury, at Cost	(419)
Total Stockholders' Equity	\$ 8,997
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# Pre-crash buoyancy boosts securities' foreign earnings

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Overseas earnings by the securities industry leapt in the first full year since Big Bang.

Commissions earned overseas on securities, bullion and foreign exchange last year jumped 61 per cent, from £379 million to £609 million, according to the Central Statistical Office. Much of the increase came from the buoyant stock market trading during the first nine months of the year before the crash.

The contribution to the balance of payments from this sector has grown 126 per cent since the last full year before

Big Bang and has increased more than 10 times over the past decade.

The figures for commission do not include earnings on the rest of securities dealers' services.

These are estimated at between £100 million and £200 million last year, and are not currently included in total invisible exports of the City. The Bank of England and the securities industry are discussing ways of obtaining more reliable data.

For the City as a whole, the good year in the securities

industry was offset by lower earnings in banking. Net overseas earnings by British banks fell from £2.18 billion in 1986 to £1.39 billion, mainly reflecting lower earnings from Eurocurrency business.

The insurance industry managed to hang on to most of the higher earnings achieved in 1986, when premiums went up faster than claims.

Net earnings overseas were £4.83 billion compared with

£4.91 billion the previous year and £3.26 billion in 1985.

Net income received by investment trusts fell partly because of dollar weakness, but pension funds and unit trusts continued to make gains. Investment income earned by securities dealers was little changed.

Total overseas earnings of the City fell back slightly from £9.95 billion to £9.4 billion, still well above 1985's £6.96 billion. The figures come from the annual "Pink Book" on the balance of payments, published in full on August 24.

## SIB levy on SE deals to be halted

By Cliff Feltman

The special levy on Stock Exchange deals to pay for the running of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB) is to end next March. This follows disquiet over the working of the scheme, which was introduced in January.

Members of the International Stock Exchange and The Securities Association have been unhappy that the levy, 80p on contracts above £1,000, has not been paid by firms carrying on business outside the Exchange, such as the Eurobond market.

"The principal reason for funding the payments in this way was to place the cost of the SIB with investors for whose benefit the new regulatory regime has been introduced," said the Stock Exchange.

"The levy has, however, been open to the objection, since it is collected through the Stock Exchange, that only business conducted on the Exchange bears the cost. Both The Securities Association and the Exchange consider it inequitable that only this business should be required to support the contribution to the SIB."

In future the International Stock Exchange will pay its annual contribution to SIB out of its general fund and the TSA will raise membership fees to cover its subscription. The annual payments this year cost the TSA £1.75 million and the Exchange £400,000.

As part of the changes, a levy funding the Takeover Panel will be reinstated. It had previously been fixed at 60p on every contract over £5,000.

"The precise rate of the levy will be fixed after consultation with the Panel," the Exchange said yesterday.

## COMMENT David Brewerton Rothschild dampens down the starburst

Whatever the reason for Kleinwort Benson's withdrawal as adviser to the Water Authorities Association, the arrival of British Gas and BP veteran Rothschild could certainly be interesting. Kleinwort persuaded the Government that the principal of floating the 10 authorities simultaneously was financially practical. But Rothschild seems destined to become the expert and chief lobbyist on the peculiar difficulties and issues involved. It is already (via another team) collective adviser to the 12 electricity distribution boards, which are hoping for a similar approach, though on present timetables this would come in the autumn of 1990, a year after the water authorities.

Kleinwort, which is advising the Government on electricity privatization, appears to have favoured the "starburst approach" under which the authorities would be floated as a single company, which would later split up into its 10 component parts.

Evidently, if flotation is simultaneous, the 10 authorities (or 12 electricity boards) would have to be underwritten and probably sold to institutional investors as a single package. But the members of the WAA seem anxious not to fudge their identity in the process and have given Rothschild a clear brief to organize with government advisers Schroders a procedure that will ensure they are floated to the investing public as individual companies.

The starburst might make it difficult for individual investors to buy anything but a share of the package, which would almost certainly end up as a stake in their local water authority, complete with incentives such as vouchers off the water rates.

But this would make it hard for individuals to invest initially in another water authority, making nonsense of investors' choice and treating the companies as homogeneous. Some chairman, notably John Bellak of Severn Trent and Roy Watts of Thames, are anxious to stress their individual appeal to investors and have ambitious but different strategies for life in the private sector.

By contrast, if the authorities were floated individually to private investors to start with, the administrative problems could be enormous. Hoards of different receiving banks might have to process legitimate multiple applications for shares in different authorities.

If simultaneous flotation is to mean individual flotation (on possibly quite different share ratings) the Government will also need to be conservative in pricing to appeal to the underwriters and ensure that shares in the less fashionable authorities are not shunned by the public and left to open at a big discount to offer price. Schroders and Rothschild will need to earn their fees.

## Coin drops at RHM

The arbitrageurs in Ranks Hovis McDougall are restless. There is no sign of a counter bidder and hardly any sign of a fight. Goodman Fielder Wattie will be producing its formal offer document very soon, and this may be the signal for the start of genuine hostilities, but meanwhile the RHM price is falling. Last night it closed at 460p, 5p below the Goodman bid price.

Goodman is already up to the limit on purchases, and it appears that there are few other buyers in the market. That is hardly surprising. In the run up to the bid announcement, there was considerable inspired buying as the arbs were climbing aboard. Now they are looking for their exit, and that is likely to be provided by the publication of the offer document.

When the time comes, Goodman should have little difficulty picking up another 10 per cent or so of the RHM shares, but the bid is a non-starter for the institutional holders. When they begin to compute their tax liability on RHM shares, which were just 56p when the Inland Revenue took its 1982 census, they will find they will be no better off accepting Goodman's cash than staying with RHM and riding the fall in the share price which will occur if the bid fails.

## End of a golden era

While the world waits for the word from the soon-to-be Stock Exchange chairman Mr Andrew Hugh Smith, members can reflect that the good old exchange has thrown away a golden marketing ploy.

The proud boast that no client would ever lose money through the failure of a Stock Exchange member is valid for only the next three weeks, after which time clients will be rolled into the inferior scheme being launched through the Securities and Investments Board. That scheme not only limits the payout to £48,000 per client, and the total in any one year to £100 million, but also excludes claims from customers who dealt with members with merely an interim authorization.

There are still more than 30 Stock Exchange firms which are trading with interim authorization, and while The Securities Association is working through the list it is by no means certain that the backlog will be cleared by the time the Stock Exchange compensation scheme closes its books on August 27. It is equally uncertain which firms will

eventually be given authorization. Guy Puckle, we learn, has won its appeal against being turned away by TSA.

Those firms which have been put on a short piece of string by TSA will be impossible to identify, although those trading with interim status will have to declare it on their letterheads. That hardly provides the measure of protection which members of the public have a right to expect, but under the current SIB regime and with the clearing banks kicking up blue murder about having to pay to protect the public from weaker companies, that is the best that anyone is likely to get.

The Stock Exchange, by ending the compensation fund, has thrown away the perfect opportunity to mark out the virtues of their own members against others in the investment business. Keeping the fund going as a top-up, both for clients who lost more than the £48,000 provided by the SIB scheme and to cover members operating with interim status, would have been worth tens of thousands of pounds of advertising, and would probably have cost members nothing.

## McCarthy & Stone seeks £19m

By Alexandra Jackson

McCarthy & Stone, Britain's leading developer of sheltered housing for the elderly, is raising £19.6 million net of expenses through the placing of 20,000,000 preference shares.

The bulk of the money will be used to finance the acquisition for £14.5 million, announced on July 5, of Merlin Immobilien, a French property developer.

The balance is to increase the group's working capital requirements and assist the group's expansion programme.

Merlin builds about 1,000 second homes a year in a variety of French holiday regions. Many of these are eventually used by buyers as retirement homes.

McCarthy & Stone has, for some time, had aspirations to build retirement homes in France. The group also has a holiday complex in Spain and retirement developments in the Irish Republic.

The issue is conditional on the passing of a special resolution at an extraordinary meeting, called for August 25. Dealings in the new preference

shares are expected to begin the following day.

McCarthy & Stone is the market leader in the fast-growing market providing retirement homes for the elderly. In the year to end August, it is expected to have sold 2,500 flats, compared with 2,182 during 1986-87.

Mr John McCarthy, the chairman, reported that sales had been a little slow in the first half of the current year, but since then much lost ground seemed to have been made up — the second six months is normally McCarthy & Stone's strongest trading period.

Delays in gaining planning permissions were blamed for the slowdown, although Mr John Begbie, the finance director, said the situation had improved slightly.

He acknowledged, however, that the market for sheltered housing was becoming more competitive. "We are continuing to buy land," he said "and are managing to achieve our budgeted margins. But there are more people bidding for land at very high prices."

## Commission intervention heightens battle for IDG

By Colin Campbell and Michael Dynes

The European Commission's intervention at almost the eleventh hour in the bid by the consortium made up of Guinness, Allied-Lyons and Grand Metropolitan for Irish Distillers Group comes only days before Monday's second closing date of its £135p (267p) a share offer, and promises to make the struggle for Irish Distillers a cliff-hanger.

Under the City takeover rules, unless GC&C Brands has more than 50 per cent of Irish Distillers its bid will lapse on the 60th day — August 26. Also under City rules the bidder has until August 12 to consider whether or not to raise its bid.

By the first closing date, GC&C Brands had attracted only 20.21 per cent of Irish Distillers, having already started off the bidding stakes with a 20.02 per cent conditional acceptance.

Because of the timing complications, both parties are likely to seek Takeover Panel guidance as to whether the bid timetable can be



Gaining ground: John McCarthy looks forward to improved second-half sales after a slow start to the financial year

altered. In complaining to the European Commission, Irish Distillers alleged that the bidder had broken EEC law and asked the Commission to fine the bid party up to a maximum £1.2 billion.

A report on various aspects of the bid by Ireland's Fair Trade Commission is due to be given to the Irish Minister for Industry by Friday.

Although Mr Peter Sutherland, the European Commissioner for competition, has

been vigorously campaigning for a Community-wide competition policy without success, a series of seminal rulings by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg has granted the Commission considerable powers to vet mergers and takeovers.

In 1973 the Court judged that under Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome, the Commission had the authority to prohibit a company with a dominant market position from absorbing a competitor — but only after the merger had taken place.

Six years later the Court also ruled that a company with a dominant market position seeking to acquire shares in another company by collusion could be prevented from doing so, before the takeover became effective.

Because of the failure of the Council of Ministers to endorse the Commission's proposals for a Community-wide competition policy, Mr Sutherland has declared his intention to apply both rulings vigorously.

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## P&D goes privately public

Phillips & Drew yesterday confirmed the City Diary story that the future of its private client business is in doubt, and revealed that UBS will be taking a final decision about precisely which bits of it will go — and who to — within a month. But P&D director Geoffrey Redman-Brown was at pains to point out that the firm would not be "deserting" all its private clients. "We are in the process of evaluating our private client business, and there are a number of alternatives," he said. "We don't want to delay the decision, but to rush it would also be wrong. We are not really interested in broker-orientated private client business, but we will certainly not be distancing ourselves from all our private clients. They are still a core part of our business." What he is really saying, methinks, is that P&D wants to keep those lucrative, high-value, discretionary clients but, once again, not that ever-growing army of little Sids.

**Comic cuts**

When companies make an acquisition it is customary for the predatory board to make a full and close inspection of its newly acquired assets. But few can have found it such an amusing experience as did James Gatward, chief executive of TVS, who was this week given the task of meeting one of MTM's properties, the American actor and comedian Bob Newhart. Best known in

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## Metal Box buys in US and Spain

Metal Box, the packaging group, has announced two purchases for undisclosed seven-figure sums in the US and Spain.

It is buying the printed products group of Master-Craft Corporation of Kalamazoo, Michigan. This makes printed forms for the accounting, medical and other business markets. Sales in 1987 were \$12 million (£7.02 million).

The deal marks the company's first move into the specialty forms area in the US.

Metal Box is also buying a 70 per cent stake in La Metalgrafica del Nervion, its first foothold in the Spanish packaging market. The company has two metal packaging plants at Bilbao and Barcelona and recorded sales of £8.3 million in the year to end-December and pre-tax profits of £600,000.

The outstanding interest is being retained by the vendors, the Velasco family.

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## MEDIA &amp; MARKETING

## Selling the man in the middle

The newly-elected leader of the SLD is a highly marketable man. Martin Fletcher reports on the selling of Paddy Ashdown

**T**he election of Paddy Ashdown as leader of the Social and Liberal Democrats has enabled the party's image-makers to embark on the job of re-establishing it as an important force in politics. They have a tough task ahead.

Although the old Alliance won the support of nearly one in four voters at the last general election, the SLD's latest opinion poll rating is less than 10 per cent.

The SLD's task is made even harder by the fact that after five months of formal existence, it has still not agreed on a name. It is a brand manager's worst nightmare. Some people call it the SLD; others say the Democrats. Some prefer the Liberal Democrats, and others, mostly detractors, the SaLaDs or SLiDs. However, members of the party's communications group are agreed that in Paddy Ashdown they have a highly-salable commodity.

Alan Watson, the former *Panorama* presenter who is the group's chairman, says: "He has got very, very considerable media appeal, particularly on television. Our assessment is that he comes across with a lot of force and charm and people will feel these are strong personal qualities".

Watson readily admits that Ashdown is the best vehicle for selling the party and its policies. And though his leadership is barely five days old, plans for exploiting him are already beginning to take shape.



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Ashdown's entourage contains a number of figures with media and marketing expertise including Richard Holmes, formerly David Steel's adviser, Tom McNally, the former MP and now head of public affairs at PR consultants Hill and Knowlton, and his press officer Harriet Smith, who previously worked in advertising.

No advertising agency will be employed for the foreseeable future, probably not until the next general election, and not necessarily even then. Instead the SLD is copying the Labour Party by compiling a list of experts in public relations, advertising, television, set design and conference organization who are sympathetic to the party and who are prepared to give their services free of charge. Watson, who runs a PR company and a television

production company, has spent the last five weeks coralling these people and now has just under 100 names to call on.

They are now preparing for next month's party conference at Blackpool, the SLD's first big set piece occasion demanding the attention of the media. Work is under way on the set and the agenda, but in particular on how Ashdown should present himself. He is likely to break with tradition by making two major speeches, one addressed primarily to the nation and the other to the party.

Thereafter he is likely to undertake a nationwide tour, ostensibly to campaign on a single major political issue but in reality to grab some limelight, get himself known and raise party morale.

There are also two major party

political broadcasts still to come this year. Both are likely to revolve around Ashdown.

In anticipation, the party sent its own cameras along to film the announcement of his victory on the steps of its Cowley Street headquarters last week.

Watson is determined that future broadcasts should not be the "dogs breakfast" he feels they have sometimes been in the past. Michael Barratt, the former *Nationwide* presenter who made the last one, is likely to be retained for the next few and will be given a bigger budget.

Ashdown may deplore this emphasis on him alone, but understands the need for such professionalism. That, after all, was the hallmark of his leadership campaign. Supporters of Alan Beith, his rival, were infuriated by the slick launch, the specially designed logo,

the glossy Press packs, the special stationery and the regular newsletters which, they said, were not in the spirit of any previous Liberal leadership campaign.

Ashdown's supporters retorted that he wanted the party to be efficient, professional and image-conscious. The Players have taken over from the Gentlemen.

**A**s Labour is now discovering, there are dangers in concentrating on just one person. Having built its last general election campaign around the personality of Neil Kinnock, it is hard to see what Labour can do now that he has lost his novelty.

But then the alternative route of a major relaunch is unavailable to the SLD. We have had all that. Following the defence debacle at the disastrous Liberal Assembly of 1986, Paul Tyler, then chairman of Good Relations Public Affairs, and Roland Freeman, the brain behind the "Save the GLC" campaign, masterminded the highly successful Alliance Barbecue rally which unveiled a new logo, the Purcell theme tune *et al*.

That relaunch led to the sensational by-election victory in Greenwich and the real prospect of the Alliance leapfrogging Labour. It was not to be. No amount of marketing could paper over the political differences between David Steel and David Owen. The edifice fell apart by the end of the election campaign.

Freeman has now gone with the Owenites. David Abbott, of Abbott Mead Vickers, who made the party political broadcasts for the election, has ended the relationship, offended by criticism of the broadcasts. Winston Fletcher, who specialized in radio party political broadcasts, has also gone with Dr Owen's SDP. Tyler alone has offered his services to Ashdown if they are needed.

## Saatchi clients worry

Saatchi & Saatchi's £2.4 million purchase this week of media independent Ray Morgan and Partners is being widely interpreted as the next step in Saatchi's plan to centralize the media buying of all its agencies, whose clients between them account for some 17 per cent of UK advertising expenditure.

According to John Periss, Saatchi's worldwide media director, the purchase of RMP "increases the talent pool and media leverage we can make available to our clients", but he refuses to be drawn on whether Saatchi is planning to turn RMP into the media buying operation for the whole group.

"Our first thought is to our clients, who are keen to hear what we are proposing," he says. Indeed they are. Many have reservations about centralization, doubtful that the combined group can negotiate bigger discounts than Saatchi agencies on their own, and worried that rivals now handled by other parts of the group may get to hear of their advertising plans.

Peter Church, advertising manager at Abbey National, whose press advertising is bought by Saatchi's, is particularly alarmed by the presence among RMP's clients of the Halifax. "The addition of the Halifax to the same media buying organization would certainly raise our eyebrows a little," he says.

## Paper round

The shake-out of newspaper and magazine distribution continues: more than 30 wholesalers have been forced out of business this year since publishers started cutting the number of distributors they use and demanding a better service. The latest firm to go is Mappstone's of Birmingham, newspaper wholesalers for more than a century. Eighty staff will be redundant when Mappstone's stops trading on August 22.

## On the air

At the last minute, a seventh consortium has joined the race for IBA's Oxford radio franchise today. Arts journalist Stephen Gimes has put together the Oxford and Banbury Radio Consortium, whose backers include Haymarket Publishing, Crawley's Radio Mercury and — surprisingly — the reclusive Charles Saatchi. Among the directors are David Putnam, departing BFI director Anthony Smith, journalist Godfrey Hodgson and former Channel 4 executive John Ransleigh.

## Living on

The pavement dispensers from which exiled Australians and New Zealanders used to pick up free copies of the London listings magazine *LAM* are a familiar sight around Earl's Court. *LAM* went bust in June, leaving rival *TNT* without a competitor. However, several former

*LAM* staff are now reported to be working on a similar magazine at Wyborne Investments, publishers of *Metropolitan*, the smallest of the four weekly magazines given free to Tube travellers in London.

## Briefing...

Melvyn Bragg is to replace the late Russell Harty as the presenter of *Radio 4's Start the Week* next month... No sooner does the ITV Association get itself a high-profile chairman than it loses him again. While the future of the ITV levy hangs in the balance, Thames TV's Richard Dunn is away on a fortnight's jury service... The current row over insurance companies' policy towards AIDS victims will come as no surprise to readers of the Scottish magazine *Can*, who read all about it in their copy of the July issue... Music money meets film industry talent in a joint venture between Polygram and Working Title Films, producers of *My Beautiful Laundrette* and *Caravaggio*. The £500,000 partnership will make mini-series and telefilms for Channel 4, the BBC and ITV... The *Daily Mail* has joined The Guardian in printing 30,000 copies of a Mediterranean edition in Marseilles... TV-am has begun advertising for 15 extra journalists, including a duty news editor, to extend its news coverage to the weekend following IBA criticism of programmes...

Nick Higham

**B**ritish advertising industry representatives meet today to rally opposition to European plans for standardizing and limiting commercial breaks on television.

Between 100 and 150 executives from commercial television companies, ad agencies and advertisers are expected to attend a seminar organized by the ITV Association to crush what they see as damaging proposals by the Council of Europe to alter the number and length of advertisements

allowed during programmes. The plans, put forward by West Germany and supported by Belgium, Greece, Portugal and The Netherlands, seek to restrict the number of advertising breaks to:

- One break within feature films.
- No breaks within films, documentaries and series made for television shorter than 45 minutes.
- One break every 45 minutes for programmes longer than 45 minutes.
- No breaks in news, current

## TV ads threat

Television companies fight European plans for cuts in commercial breaks

affairs, religious and children's programmes shorter than 30 minutes.

A leak to the trade Press last week said that, according to the ITVA's analysis, the proposals would result in 15 per cent fewer breaks and a 5 per

cent reduction in total advertising time, mainly at peak viewing periods.

The UK players are fighting the proposals and backing instead the system of "natural breaks" which has underpinned British commercial

broadcasting for the last 30 years.

And while the West German proposals allow for up to 12 minutes of advertising per hour — longer than the seven and a half allowed in the UK — there is a feeling that long blocks of advertising around programmes switch off the viewer, resulting in lower audiences, poorer value for money for the advertiser, and a loss of revenue for the TV contractors. The implications could seriously affect the future of the new advertising-

funded satellite and cable channels.

A ministerial meeting of the Council of Europe is to take place in November to ratify the convention. And though member states are bound by the convention only if they sign it, UK television companies, agencies and advertisers are worried that the convention could be taken up by the European Parliament and made law in its broadcasting directive.

Carys Bowen-Jones

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## MEDIA &amp; MARKETING

## No time to raise the levy

## OPINION

Christopher Bland

The Government has announced plans to change the basis of the levy paid by independent television companies. The Treasury's argument is that if the levy is based on overall revenue, instead of on profits, there will be greater stimulus for the television companies to cut costs, which previously could be offset against the levy.

But the changes are to be introduced after little notice, have a life of only three years, and will arrive at a time of considerable commercial uncertainty. The television companies face a number of certain or possible changes to the independent television system. These include:

- competition from Astra and BS2
- the independent quota
- increased competition for and costs of certain programmes
- the introduction of a fifth channel
- the separation of Channel 4
- a night-time franchise
- tendering for franchises

A further change in the levy, particularly one designed to extract more money from the system and following so soon after the change in 1986, is wholly unjustified.

First, the proposed system seeks to extract too much levy from the system. It would increase the amount of levy payable by ITV, by between 26 and 67 per cent.

Second, the profits of the major companies would be significantly reduced. As an example, LWT's 1986/87 profits would have been reduced by 40 to 60 per cent if the new system had been in operation then. Thames and Central would be even more severely affected.

Third, the five major companies, which are responsible for the majority of ITV's programmes and export, would be penalized disproportionately. Their share of the total levy payable by ITV would rise from its present level of 57 per cent to between 67 and 70 per cent. The five medium-sized companies are also hit.

the only major beneficiary, its levy would drop substantially compared with its present level; the levy on the four smallest companies would also fall.

Fourth, the proposed system has an excessive marginal rate; the marginal rate of levy and tax on incremental profits would increase by between 14 and 16 times. At present it is about 55 per cent; under the proposed new system it would rise to between 77 and 90 per cent.

Fifth, radical changes in the levy would affect programme planning and programme making. Since the independent companies plan and commission programmes two to three years ahead, the levy system has a significant impact on programme plans, and acts as an incentive to produce certain types of programmes. Prestige drama and films made by independents are likely to be adversely affected by a change to a revenue-based levy system.

The existing system has proved exceptionally buoyant. Since the last change in the basis of the levy — only two years ago — the amount of levy obtained from ITV has trebled from £24.1 million in 1985 to £77 million in 1987.

Television is a business — not only, and perhaps not most importantly, a business — but a business nevertheless. The unprecedented changes facing the (mainly) public companies holding the franchises have produced a degree of uncertainty that makes commercial decisions, business planning and capital investment exceptionally difficult. And changes in the levy now would exacerbate these difficulties unnecessarily — to the benefit of neither viewers, shareholders nor, in the long run, the Exchequer.

Christopher Bland is chairman, LWT (Holdings) Plc.



Time for a new approach: the Met believes that the image which it projects will be all-important in attracting new recruits in the 1990s

## An eye on the monitors

Channel 4 may take media monitors to court over unauthorized programme recordings.

Steven Dunne reports on this growing industry

Earlier this year Channel 4 became the latest broadcaster to discover that its programmes were being systematically recorded by private companies and sold for profit. Unlike others before it, Channel 4 is threatening legal action against the media monitoring industry. Apart from breach of copyright, Channel 4's revenue from sales of current affairs videos to programme participants, and their PR companies, are being hit.

Monitoring is an industry whose fortunes are closely tied to the booming public relations sector. Its basic operation is to record television and radio broadcasts, assess the news content of all programmes and inform clients (or potential clients) if, and in what context, their organization is mentioned or featured. The monitoring agencies then offer the relevant broadcast in the form of a transcript, video or radio cassette. In effect, they are the broadcasting equivalent of press-cuttings services.

Minimum charges are approximately £25 for a radio cassette and £50-£60 for a video. A transcript starts at about £25.

Until recently there were three main companies serving the whole of the UK, all based in London: Telex Monitors, Modern Media Monitoring (MMM) and Speedex Monitors.

Their successful growth is founded on the greater emphasis organizations now place on the way they

present themselves to the public. The PR companies, entrusted with the safekeeping of their clients' public image, are turning in increasing numbers to the monitoring industry to obtain information.

If all news and current affairs programmes were devoted to promotional or publicity material, companies could plan their own monitoring in-house, on a selective basis. Obviously this is not the case and in order to react quickly to any negative or critical broadcasts, PR companies need the cheap, efficient service monitors provide.

This is particularly the case where private companies are involved in situations where fortunes in potential damages hinge on the content of a single transcript. For instance, the PR department of Townsend Thoresen, in the aftermath of Zeebrugge, obtained every relevant broadcast to assess legal and public relations ramifications.

Government departments are also heavy subscribers. MMM established itself during the year-long miners' strike by supplying "rush" transcripts of all pertinent news coverage to the Department of Energy.

In the wake of the Guinness and Barlow Clowes scandals, City institutions are particularly image-sensitive. Even foreign countries, particularly those getting a bad press, are employing monitors. South Africa, Chile and Iraq regularly order material through their London embassies.

The Argentine Interests Section, located in the Brazilian Embassy, is a well-informed client of MMM. It has bought all relevant TV and radio interviews with domestic politicians from the outbreak of hostilities in the Falklands to the present day.

In 1984, Special Branch descended on MMM's offices after the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher outside the Libyan Embassy. According to a Libyan diplomat inside the building, embassy staff were only alerted to the demonstration upon which they fired by an attempted broadcast sale.

That monitors have stepped into a gap in the market is not in doubt. The question of legality, however, persists. The industry is quick to point out that government departments, including the guardians of copyright law at the Department of Trade and Industry,

are valued customers. The irony is not lost on Don Christopher, head of legal services at Channel 4. "The DTI are as confused as anyone about copyright law but their use of monitors cannot be used to justify breaches of copyright."

So, will legal action get the go-ahead? "We'll make a decision on economic grounds. Monitors are only an irritation. If legal costs exceed lost revenue we may not proceed."

Brian Rose at MMM is unsurprised. "Frankly, they couldn't cope with the volume of orders we process. Broadcasters condone our operations to prevent that demand falling on them."

Roy Addison, chief press officer at Thames TV, agreed. "Our machinery couldn't cope with their workload. Besides, I'm not concerned about monitoring. As long as we get a credit on the video or transcript, I believe it is good publicity. And TV-am saw no problem once information is deemed to be "in the public domain".

Perhaps one insight into this lack of concern is the fact that broadcasters have begun using monitors themselves. TV-am and Granada both declared themselves "occasional users of the service".

Roy Addison summed up the dilemma. "Some time ago a director asked me to acquire a Panorama video from the BBC. I'm still waiting. An agency would have had it round in two hours."

## Boys in designer blue

London's police are being scrutinized by corporate identity specialists Wolff Olins, who will report later this month on improving the Metropolitan Police's image.

Wolff Olins are an Eighties phenomenon, a latterday exponent of the old nanny's adage that first impressions count. A video, with a personal endorsement by the Metropolitan Commissioner, Sir Peter Imbert, has been doing the rounds of London police stations. It explains how Wolff Olins's researchers are conducting confidential interviews, both inside and outside the force, on attitudes to the police.

Companies such as Renault and Prudential have already had the Wolff Olins visual treatment — new logos and stationery — but have also been made aware of the subliminal messages they give through the way they present themselves. Does the receptionist give a bored or alert impression on the telephone? Is her desk cluttered?

One of Wolff Olins's first jobs was devising an identity programme for a London borough (Camden) in 1965. Recently it has turned its expertise to government. Following an approach by Lord Young last year, the company devised a corporate identity programme for the Department of Trade and Industry, complete with new logo and catchline — The Enterprise Initiative.

Brian Boylan, who formally presents his company's proposals on August 18, says his job at the Met has been as much about countering the force's negative self-image, getting rid of its "siege mentality", as anything else. But police stations are likely to be made more welcoming to the public, and the force made a more welcoming career. A similar corporate identity programme at British Petroleum resulted in the doubling of job applications.

Andrew Lycett



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## Jonathan Rendall meets Henry Akinwande, Britain's latest Olympic heavyweight hope

## Fighting to beat the system

The Olympic boxing tournament, like its counterpart, the world professional championship, has not proved a happy hunting ground for the British heavyweight. Americans and Soviets, not to mention the occasional Cuban, have largely reduced our heavyweight ambitions to taking aim at the assembled elite with a swing and a prayer.

This policy was gallantly pursued at the Los Angeles Olympics by our amiable super-heavyweight, Bobby Wells, who took out a Tongan before running into a crack Italian. Wells, however, had been the beneficiary of a bye into the quarter-finals and was therefore able to return to Kingston with one of the more unlikely bronze medals in Olympic history.

Henry Akinwande, aged 22, born in the Dutchess of Devonshire, is the British heavyweight selection for Seoul and has far more impressive credentials. Ranked fifth in Europe and tenth in the world, Akinwande is entitled to view the medal podium with more realistic ambition than his seven colleagues.

Indeed, confidence runs so high at Akinwande's club, Lynn AC, of Camberwell, that Arthur Wilkes, his mentor and club president, and Keith Walters, his secretary, will travel to South Korea to watch "Harry" mount his challenge. The problem is, Akinwande has been penalized for cheating.

Three months ago, Akinwande, who is unemployed, had his recent allowance suspended after he informed the DHSS that he would be spending the week at Crystal Palace with the pre-Olympic training squad; three weeks ago his unemployment benefit was withdrawn, too, after he wrote explaining he would be unavailable for work during the Games.

"Thinking how it all began, I can't really believe it," Akinwande said, his 6ft 6in frame squeezed into Lynn's tiny back room. It is a frame which, until his case is decided by tribunal, will be held in respect by the local community. "They sent me a letter for job training and I replied saying I can't come down because I'm training for the Olympics."

"I have to go to Seoul. Do what I have to do. I try not to think about it. Sometimes I try not to feel let down, because I've got everything to get where I am."

Until three months ago, the main

sacrifice in Akinwande's short boxing career — he took up the sport in 1984 and has won 50 out of 54 bouts — had been ridding his idiosyncratic style of its superficialities: a tendency to clutch opponents in his telescopic embrace cost him the 1986 ABA final on disqualification and, unfairly according to most ringers, the 1987 final on the judges' cards.

This year there were no such mistakes. After an unbeaten season for England he took the national championship, using his arms for punching and parrying purposes only. His performance earned him an Olympic place.

He has a £700 overdraft and no sponsors. "All of the others in the team have sponsorship," he said. "Maybe they are lucky. Maybe I didn't know how to ask."

Maybe, it could be argued, Akinwande should have accepted the offers of employment that came his way. With an understanding employer, after all, the need for State subsidy would be removed. Indeed, there have been several offers, some of them lucrative, though none related to the degree in engineering he possesses — that is not a qualification required in the prize ring — and all have been deferred. The professional managers will have to wait.

It would have surprised no one had Akinwande defected to the paid ranks. Shortly after this year's ABA championships, Wayne Ellis, who was also unemployed, joined the Frank Warren stable after he was not immediately guaranteed an Olympic place.

When a team of only eight was announced (12 were sent to Los Angeles), Harry Lawson, the ABA light-heavyweight champion, who was not selected, offered to fund his own trip to Seoul. The ABA maintains that lack of quality, not lack of resources, determined the decision to send a skeleton squad.

"I don't think about it, turning professional," Akinwande said. "I just think about the Olympics. You know, I must win the gold. It's not the money I'm worried about, it's the training I've done. I've been through a lot of pain and I can't afford to lose. All I need is a few bob."

And Britain's Olympic heavyweight headed out into the night air for the bus back to Lewisham.



Single-minded: professional managers must wait as Olympic gold is the driving ambition for Akinwande (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

## High noon confronts Cooper at Reading

By Srikanth Sen  
Boxing Correspondent

At the third time of asking, Gary Cooper and Gary Stretch met for the British light-middleweight title on September 7 at the Rivermead Centre, Reading.

It should be a battle of contrasts: Cooper, the champion, is a travelling living in the New Forest who does his roadwork along wooded trails, while Stretch, a BMW-driving fashion model, keeps to the fast lanes and multi-gyms. Cooper, at 31, is the ring-wise veteran; Stretch, 23, the best young prospect.

Cooper turned professional in 1978 but it was only last February that he finally won the title by outpointing Michael Harris, of Swansea. He has lost eight of his 25 contests but most of those defeats have been at the hands of good class boxers such as Lloyd Hibbert, Cliff Gilpin, Martin Parlick, Jimmy Cable and Nick Wilshire.

Stretch, who calls himself "The Gifted One", is a south-paw and has only one defeat in 18 bouts, the result of a clash of heads with Julian Munnell. He is a puncher. He took only three rounds to destroy the experienced Lenny Gloster, who had taken men like Tony McKenzie and Chris Baker the distance. He will find Cooper a sturdier opposition than most of the opponents he has met so far.

Should Stretch win he could bring style to a division that has not known exciting champions at European level. Only four Britons have won the European title and of those only Maurice Hope became a world champion.

## Additives test taken after Lora wins title

Los Angeles (Reuters) — Miguel Lora, of Colombia, may have retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title on Monday in the ring after getting an unanimous decision over Albert Davila, the American former champion, but may lose it in an analysis laboratory.

The result rests on the outcome of tests on two bottles of water confiscated by WBC officials after the bout. WBC rules allow only pure water during a fight.

## RACING

## Sash Of Honour extends Cecil's fine juvenile run

Henry Cecil's two-year-olds are in all-conquering form and the champion trainer introduced another speedy juvenile at Brighton yesterday in the shape of Sash Of Honour.

The 11-10 favourite swept to the front 1½ furlongs from home in the Alfriston Maiden Stakes and was not extended to hold off the challenge of My Mayah by a length.

The filly is owned by former Middlesex cricketer Maurice Manasseh and Merit Sunningdale racing. Manasseh said: "Sash Of Honour may be only one of Henry Cecil's second division fillies, but that is good enough to be top-class in most other stables."

There were 60 cheering shareholders from the British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeders Company in the cramped winners' enclosure after their filly Hoary Lady pulled off a 10-1 victory in the Town Hall Handicap.

The party may have more to cheer about tomorrow, when Hoary Lady turns out again at Brighton for the George Roby Challenge Trophy Handicap with John Williams again in the saddle.

A party of 150 shareholders are spending the week in Brighton, and their company sponsors a race at the venue today which they hope to win with Paul Cole's Rockaria.

However, one of the company's best horses, Saint Nicholas, a winner at Chesham in June,

died at Charlie Nelson's Upper Lambourn stable on Monday night.

Richard Hannon has an excellent strike rate at the Sussex track and the Wiltshire training completed a 194-1 double with Viva Sueños and Hello Steve, both partnered by Brian Rouse. Viva Sueños came from way off the pace to emerge triumphant in a four-way photo finish for the Duke of Norfolk Memorial Nursery Handicap. Hello Steve, a full brother to Martin Pipe's weekend Newton,

## Princess Royal is runner-up

The Princess Royal finished second, beaten 1½ lengths, on the Barry Hills-trained Lord Justice in the Monsmeath Stakes at Redcar yesterday.

The winner was Not Conquered, who had finished fourth in Saturday's Newmarket event won by the Princess on Vayron, also trained by Hills.

Abbot winner Rahib, showed plenty of pace in the final furlong to beat Ice Colony by four lengths in the Pier Handicap.

The talented Rahib, only back in training for seven weeks after cracking a hind pattern in the spring, looked rather rusty in the South Coast Stakes but won easily enough in the end by three lengths. He will now step up in class.

## Kahyasi cantering again in preparation for Arc

Kahyasi, the unbeaten dual Derby winner, has fully recovered from his injured career-long leg sustained in the Irish Derby (Christopher Gossling writes).

The Lanes Compton-trained colt is now cantering on Newmarket Heath in his preparation for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 2.

Kahyasi's injury laid him out of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot where he was to start Mote for the first time. Now they are both expected to water cannon and WBC officials after the bout. WBC rules allow only pure water during a fight.

Camel has still to decide where his colt will have his preparation race before going to France.

## Dunlop set for Irish encore

John Dunlop, who captured a Leopardstown prize on Monday with Lynn Gwynn, has another funded contender Aigue in today's listed Hawke Cup over seven furlongs at Phoenix Park.

Two other British riders chasing the £25,275 prize are Richard Hannon's Daddy's Dilemma and the Barry Hills-trained Ajege.

## Degrees awarded by the University of Edinburgh

The following degree results have been announced by Edinburgh University

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BSc (Honours)

Astronomy

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Biology

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Chemistry

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

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Physics

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Mathematics

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Statistics

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

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Computer Science

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

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Electronics

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Engineering

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Architecture

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Design

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Art

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Faculty of Arts

BSc (Ordinary)

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

Class II (Div 4): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 5): R. Wilson.

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Faculty of Social Sciences

BSc (Ordinary)

Class II (Div 1): R. Smith.

Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

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Class II (Div 51): A. Donaldson.

Faculty of Business Studies

BSc (Ordinary)

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Class II (Div 2): R. Wilson.

Class II (Div 3): A. Donaldson.

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# Clubs are left with an option of one

By Peter Ball

The BBC and British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) yesterday withdrew their bid for the contract to televise Football League matches, a move that is likely to provoke some harsh words when the 92 clubs meet in divisional meetings at Villa Park today.

The meetings were called to discuss the relative merits of the BSB/BBC and ITV offers, but will instead be left with only ITV's £44 million offer over four years for exclusive rights to the League and Littlewoods Cup matches on their agendas.

The 92 chairmen will receive a follow-up letter from BSB, which is bitterly critical of the actions of the big five clubs - Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur - whose individual negotiation with ITV sparked the present situation.

This decision by BBC and BSB is the latest twist in a saga which began in May when the fledgling satellite company made a dramatic offer of £200 million over 10 years with a joint venture company planned.

Football's initial response

was ecstatic, offering an opportunity to break the cartel operated by BBC and ITV which kept money for the game on a low level, and the deal was agreed in principle by 91 votes to one at the League annual general meeting in June. ITV then began separate negotiations with the top five clubs for exclusive rights at their grounds and along all the twists the story has undergone since then, those five have retained their determination to deal only with ITV.

BSB was initially considering putting in an offer which topped that of ITV, and the

company's decision to pull out was not finally taken until yesterday morning, but it has become clear over the last few days that not even a higher bid might overcome the determination of the big clubs to deal with ITV.

"The deal which we had devised jointly with the Football League and which was endorsed by 91 of the 92 clubs in June would have revolutionized British soccer," Bob Hunter, the managing director of BSB's Now Channel, said yesterday.

"We have taken the decision to withdraw with a great deal

of regret, but the attitude of a few of the first division clubs to go for a short-term gain means it would no longer be practical to go ahead at present. The Football League has been caught up in a last-ditch attempt by the ITV companies to play King Canute and try to hold back the introduction of new television services."

It is clear, as it is undoubtedly intended, that the BBC/BSB decision will close a few biting comments at Villa Park this afternoon, with the actions of the top five liable to be fiercely criticized by the second division clubs and possibly by some of the first division's second 10. It may mean that the mood of conciliation which was apparent last week may not survive this dramatic change, and will undoubtedly make the position of the League president, Philip Carter, a very uncomfortable one.

Such a move had been on the cards since the two networks reached a separate four-year agreement with the FA for sole rights to cup ties and internationals, as was revealed exclusively in *The Times* last Saturday.

That package meant that both the BBC and BSB could regard the loss of Football League matches to ITV with some equanimity.

As for ITV, the problem of scheduling 21 League and Littlewoods Cup matches in a winter programme already shortened by commitments to snooker and the Olympics is not one that all its regions may be relishing; while if some matches are transmitted in midweek peak hours, the prospect of competitive scheduling against a notoriously soft alternative is likely to fill the BBC with glee.

## Gooch to lead as Cowdrey drops out of Test squad

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

England were last night obliged to scrap all existing plans for tomorrow's final Cornhill Test match when the captain, Chris Cowdrey, and his potential rival for the job, Kim Barnett, both withdrew from the squad, throwing short and long-term schemes into chaos.

Graham Gooch will now lead England for the first time and becomes their fourth captain this summer - a figure recorded in only three previous Test series and never before by England. The Northamptonshire pair, Roy Bailey and David Capel, have been named as replacements for the injured men.

Despite batting for Kent yesterday, albeit at number 11 and with the aid of a runner, Cowdrey reported that the severe bruising on his foot had not noticeably improved. He spoke in mid-afternoon with the England manager, Mick Stewart, and shortly afterwards it was confirmed that neither he nor Barnett, who has a badly bruised thumb, were fit enough to play at The Oval.

England had already lost Graham Dilley from the original party and Alan Lamb will have a fitness test on his damaged calf tomorrow, but if he doesn't make it there could be as many as six changes from the side

thrashed by 10 wickets at Headingley.

It was a long, hectic day of medical bulletins, dashed hopes, and impromptu selectorial conferences. Stewart, for whom one has to feel sympathy in this instance, spent much of the day on the telephone before emerging to say plegmatically: "Our only priority now is to get 11 players on the field. It is just something we've got to cope with - there are far worse things going on in the world."

Stewart was not prepared to speculate on the peculiar position in which Cowdrey finds himself. Appointed for only two Tests, he did nothing in the first to suggest he can graduate to international class as batsman or bowler, and

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now he is to miss the second. It would, however, be wickily unfair to dismiss him on such slender evidence and it may be no bad thing for Cowdrey to resume the job against the less demanding opposition offered by Sri Lanka.

Barnett, too, must be told he will have another chance. He could face only six balls in an indoor net yesterday before accepting his fate, admitting: "My hand is no better than it was on Sunday. It seems as if the fates are stacked against me."

Ironically, being among those who urged the inclusion of both Bailey and Capel from the outset, my personal view is that England have arrived, by a tortuous route, at a better balanced team than the original selection - especially if Bailey, a rarity as a specialist number three, bats in his true position and Capel, who is in fine form, plays ahead of the controversially recalled De Freitas.

Sadly, it seems confused thinking remains rife. The word last night was that Maynard will now definitely make his debut, presumably becoming the fourth man in this series to bat out of position at number three. Bailey will play only if Lamb does not, while Capel is apparently contesting a place with Pringle, which means De Freitas is a certain starter. As we have discovered, however, a great deal can change in 24 hours.

The West Indies could seriously observe these events in the happy position of 3-0 ahead with their strongest side all fit. Their one piece of bad news came with a police announcement that the drums, trumpets, and flags which customarily turn The Oval into a Caribbean carnival, will be banned from the ground. Somehow, I think they can live without them and still win.

## Clerical gamble has wide impact

By Andrew Longmore and Mike Berry

There has always been a fine dividing line in cricket between the gentlemen and the players. But when the name of the Rev Andrew Wingfield-Digby is written in the scorebook, there can surely be no doubt that the ethics of the game are in good hands.

Sherborne, Oxford, the leadership of the Christians in Sport movement, Wingfield-Digby has a background of impeccable gentility. However, members of the Cheshire side might question those credentials after an extraordinary ending to their match against Dorset, captained by Wingfield-Digby, in the Minor Counties championship at Sherborne School.

The game seemed to heading for a draw when Cheshire, set to 201 to win, had subsided to 92 for six with 11 overs remaining. But, never one to let a game die, Wingfield-Digby had other ideas. He instructed his opening batsman, Graeme Calway, an occasional seam bowler, to give away some runs. Amid sarcastic cries of "Take him off, he's bowling rubbish" from the fielders, Calway then bowled 14 consecutive wide deliveries, which were all allowed to run to the boundary.

One Dorset player even heightened the mockery by jumping over the ball all the way to the line. By the end of the over 56 extras had been conceded and Calway left to live with the analysis of 1-0-60-0 from a 20 ball over.

The ensuing chaos brought discussions between the Cheshire batsmen and their captain, and then between the scorers and the umpires. Most spectators sat mystified by it all. But, what was undeniable was that Cheshire had suddenly reached the relative prosperity of 148 for six and had snuffed a chance of victory.

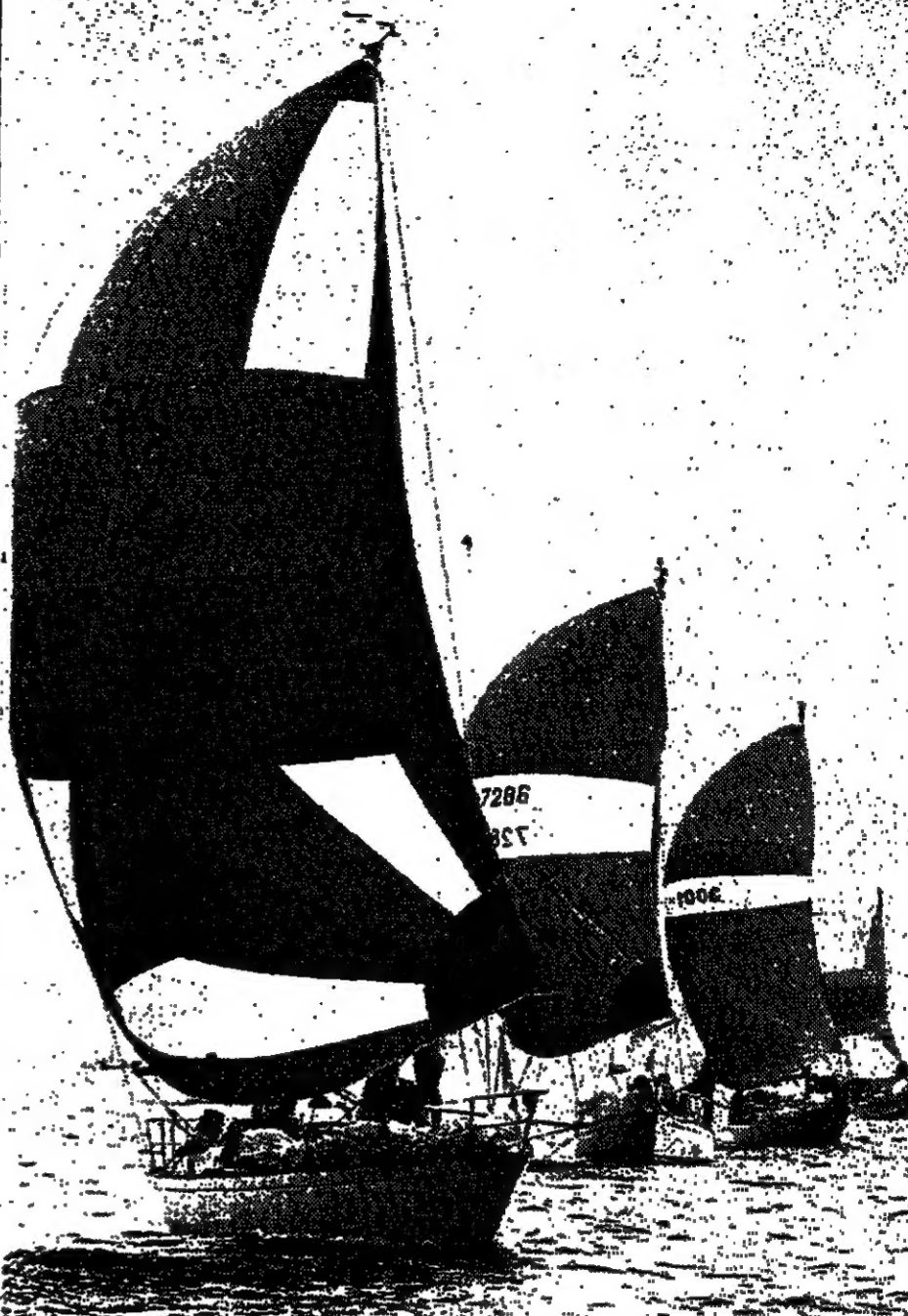
Like true sporting gentlemen, they took up the challenge, only to be bowled out 18 runs short of their target with two overs remaining, to give the Reverend and his county an unusual and, some might say, controversial victory.

But, reflecting on the old adage that the end justifies the means, the Dorset captain was unrepentant in victory. "Runs are made for men, not men for rules," he said with biblical moderation. "It was the only way to provide what was in the end a splendid finish."

He was also quick to cite the precedent set by the former Hertfordshire captain, Frank Collyer, who invoked similar tactics in a match against Suffolk in 1984. From the Cheshire camp came humour and a pointed comparison.

One of their players, Steve Crawley, compared the incident to watching Steve O'Shaughnessy, of Lancashire, equalling Percy Fender's quickest hundred in first-class cricket in 35 minutes, against Leicestershire's non-bowlers at Old Trafford in 1983.

With only one discretionary place open, Sanderson made it known yesterday that she feels she has to compete. And what would happen if two of the high hurdles tripped in this precarious event? But Ward reminded the floor that this was the policy demanded by the International Athletics Club, but David Bedford and Mike Winch, of the IAC, immediately reminded Ward that they wanted the proviso of, "apart from exceptional circumstances" added to the policy originally.



Catch the wind: competitors in the Contessa 32 class making what limited use of the elements that they could at Cowes yesterday. Report, page 39. (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

## De Savary's salvage hopes may lie in exhibition match

By Malcolm McKeag

Peter de Savary's hopes of salvaging some mileage, both in publicity and racing terms, from the America's Cup, to be raced between New Zealand and the United States in San Diego this September, appear to centre on the possibility of an exhibition match between his own radical foil, Blue Arrow, and Dennis Conner's 60ft catamaran, Stars and Stripes.

De Savary has offered the match to Conner after Justice Carmen Ciparick had ruled in New York that the contentious match between the 90ft waterline New Zealand monohull and the catamaran must take place and, at the same time, ruled that de Savary's claim to the right to participate had no legal basis.

"We have received a very positive response from San Diego," de Savary said yesterday. "But when, and even if, the match will take place, we still don't know." For Conner, there seems little point in racing de Savary before the America's Cup but an exhibition match after the event, should San Diego win, would be of no disadvantage to the Americans, whatever the outcome.

The America's Cup and its commercial bonanza would not be at risk, a win against Blue Arrow would merely strengthen their claim to be the best in the world, while to lose to the foiler after beating Fay's monohull would serve merely to isolate Fay and further denigrate what the San Diegans have all along called his maverick challenge.

De Savary confirmed yesterday that there would be "no more court cases". He said he would still try to persuade Fay to "honour his commitment, given in writing, to race us in a sail-off for the final right to be the challenger". But he added: "We are going to stand back from Mr Fay's quickie America's Cup so that we can concentrate on what the Blue Arrow challenge was formed to do, which is win the real America's Cup, which will be held in either Auckland or San Diego in the autumn of 1990 or spring of 1991."

Speaking of the damage sustained by his radical foil, which broke a cross-beam on Monday while testing at speeds close to 30 knots off Falmouth, de Savary said that it was not known what caused the failure, but it may have been the foil snagging on a lobster pot. A new crossbeam was being fitted yesterday and Blue Arrow will be flown to San Diego on August 20, to pick up what racing she can.

"There is still great value to us in being there," de Savary said. "Designing and building this completely radical boat in only four months, testing it against our computer predictions and making it work gives the whole team invaluable experience for the real thing, wherever it is held and in whatever sort of boat."

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## Sussex accept the need for fresh talent as Imran goes

By Andrew Longmore

Imran Khan has been left out of the Sussex side at Hampshire at Eastbourne today and, by mutual consent, will not play for the county again until the final match of the season, which will mark his farewell to county cricket.

The club has agreed that the Pakistan all-rounder should be released from his contractual obligations to play every Sunday and in selected championship matches and Paul Parker, the Sussex captain, suggested to Imran yesterday that he stand down from the club's remaining games. But, Parker added, the club's decision had not been prompted by the attitude of the Sussex players, who were said to upset over the lack of disciplinary action against Imran after he turned up late and missed the Refuge Assurance League match last Sunday.

"Imran is not going to be with us next season and it is more important that we look forward and give younger players the opportunity to show what they can do for next season. Events do tend to concentrate the mind, but given the season we've had that seems the most sensible

policy to take and Imran understands that," Parker said. Parker spoke to Maurice Leadley, the club chairman, during the match against Glamorgan yesterday, but he denied that he had carried a message of protest from the Sussex players. "If the players want to say anything to the chairman they are perfectly capable of doing it themselves. I was due to talk to the chairman anyway and Imran was on the agenda. There were mutterings from a couple of the players about it but there was no question of the players refusing to play with him," Parker added.

To add to the confusion, Imran had telephoned Sussex secretary to say that he had a sore thigh and was not 100 per cent fit for the match against Hampshire anyway, but, he said yesterday, he agreed with the club that there was no point in him playing now that the county were out of contention in the Refuge Assurance League.

"The club might as well experiment with new players so that they can find the right balance for next season. It's sensible. There's no point in

my playing just to fulfil the letter of my contract, though they very kindly have let me play in my last county match. I know one or two players said something about last Sunday, but I haven't spoken to anyone about it and as far as I know the club's decision has nothing to do with that. I've always tried my best in every single match I've played and I'm only sorry that the season hasn't turned out as well as we might have hoped.

"We didn't have the team and I haven't exactly had one of my greatest seasons. I would not like to think I was ending my days at Sussex on a sour note," Imran said.

Imran's final game for the county he joined in 1977 will be at Hove against Surrey in September.

## Marshall out

The West Indies fast bowler Malcolm Marshall has ruled himself out of Hampshire's NatWest Trophy semi-final at Worcestershire next week. Marshall will head home to Barbados instead for a holiday before beginning his preparation for the West Indies' tour of Australia in November.

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## Martin prepares to double up in Seoul

By Pat Butcher

Athletics Correspondent

Eamonn Martin, the fourth fastest 10,000 metres runner in history, has decided that he wants to run both the 5,000 metres and the longer distance in the Olympic Games, Mel Barry, his coach, confirmed yesterday.

When Martin broke the British 10,000 metres record with 27min 23.06sec in his debut a month ago, he surprised everyone by saying that

he wanted only to run the 5,000 metres in Seoul. But Barry said: "Eamonn has now come to terms with the idea of doing 10,000 metres as well. The Olympics is only once every four years, so he might as well have a go."

Martin is running the 5,000 metres in the Olympic trials, doubling as the national championship, and sponsored by Kodak and TSB, in Birmingham this weekend and is assured of the third, discretionary, place in the 10,000 metres.

Otherwise this selection policy continues to risk depriving the nation, and Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram, Fatima Whitbread, Tessa Sanderson, Peter Elliott, Colin Jackson, Jon Ridgeon and Tony Jarrett of a potential medal in Seoul. It is a policy not designed to endear the administrators to many.

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## FA acts on ticket issue

The Football Association is to investigate allegations of misappropriation of tickets for the FA Cup final last May (Steve Acreon writes). Jack Wiseman (Birmingham City), Jack Hayward (Exeter FA) and Dr John O'Hara (Sussex FA) are the three men delegated with the task.

Wiseman, who chaired yesterday's meeting of the FA's match and grounds committee said: "We shall get together fairly soon, but cannot say whether there will be redistribution of tickets this season."

## Eye witness

Seoul (AFP) - An electronic eye will settle disputes over line calls in tennis matches during the forthcoming Olympic Games in Seoul, the organizing committee announced yesterday.



Rose resigning

## Rich pickings

Hong Kong (AFP) - Steve Davis, the world No. 1, is favourite to win Asia's richest snooker tournament, the Hong Kong Masters, which begins here today. His opponents for the \$30,000 (about £30,000) first prize are Jimmy White, Willie Thorne, Terry Griffiths, John Parrot, Neil Foulds, Dennis Taylor and Tony Mico.

## Rose quits

Brian Rose, the Somerset cricket manager, is leaving his job to take up a post in industry at the end of the season. Rose made his debut in 1969, played in nine Test matches for England, was club captain from 1978-83 and has been cricket manager since 1986.

## Looking ahead

Seoul (AFP) - China, with 460 representatives taking part, hope to finish fifth in the medal stakes at the Olympics, Wei Jizhong, secretary general of the Chinese National Olympic Committee, said yesterday.

## Ruane moves

Oldham Rugby League Club yesterday signed Andy Ruane, the hooker, from Rochdale Hornets on a three-year contract.

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## Riding into a wall of silence

By Peter Bryan

Anyone who has played an active role in sport knows the value of spectator encouragement. But that essential ingredient of competition was denied to cyclists at the national track championships in Leicester late on Monday night when supporters were asked not to shout for their favourite riders.

Local residents had complained in recent years that the event was too noisy and officials did not want to upset them further.

The public address system was turned off and proceedings conducted in an eerie silence. Riders could not be called to the line, nor could results be announced in a 25-kilometre race, where points were awarded for success at sprints every kilometre, competitors had to work out for themselves how their scores were progressing instead of listening for announcements.

Particularly absent was the sight of Tony Doyle, twice a professional world champion, performing on what seemed like a ghost track. At the root of the problem was the British weather. The first four days of the nine-day championships, which embrace men, women, amateurs, professionals and schoolchildren, forced a succession of postponements which had come to a head.

Officials had attempted to reduce the backlog of events by telescoping heats into finals and rearranging the races to allow riders time to recover between one competition and the next.

## Events starting after midnight

But, with something like four hours which were available for competition wiped out by Monday's rain, and the time necessary to allow the 40 degrees wooden track to dry, they lost their own race against the clock and the programme ran two hours late with important events starting well after midnight.

Residents had made it plain that they would seek redress if the public address system was audible much after 11 p.m., claiming that it causes annoyance and distress.

Malcolm Smith, a former cyclist who lives 15 yards from a stadium loudspeaker, said yesterday: "It does get a bit annoying but we have to appreciate the fact that when it rains the programme can be delayed and it's better to get it over within the stipulated nine days than to have it drag on for a fortnight."

Peter Seal, aged 14, added: "It's not as loud as when they play American Football but it keeps me awake when I go to bed at 9.30." Derek Bowyer, of the organizing committee, said that he was not aware of any complaints of noise during the present series.

The problem will remain all the while Britain has no partially covered track: the answer is to turn back the clock 20 years to when the championships were put out to tender to clubs, associations and individual promoters.

## Taking the thrills to a wider public

To put a semi-cover above the surface of the track at Saffron Lane would cost some £400,000. Leicester City Council, who own the track, the venue for two world championships, in 1970 and 1982, has so far decided not to go down that road and is unlikely to do so in the future.

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